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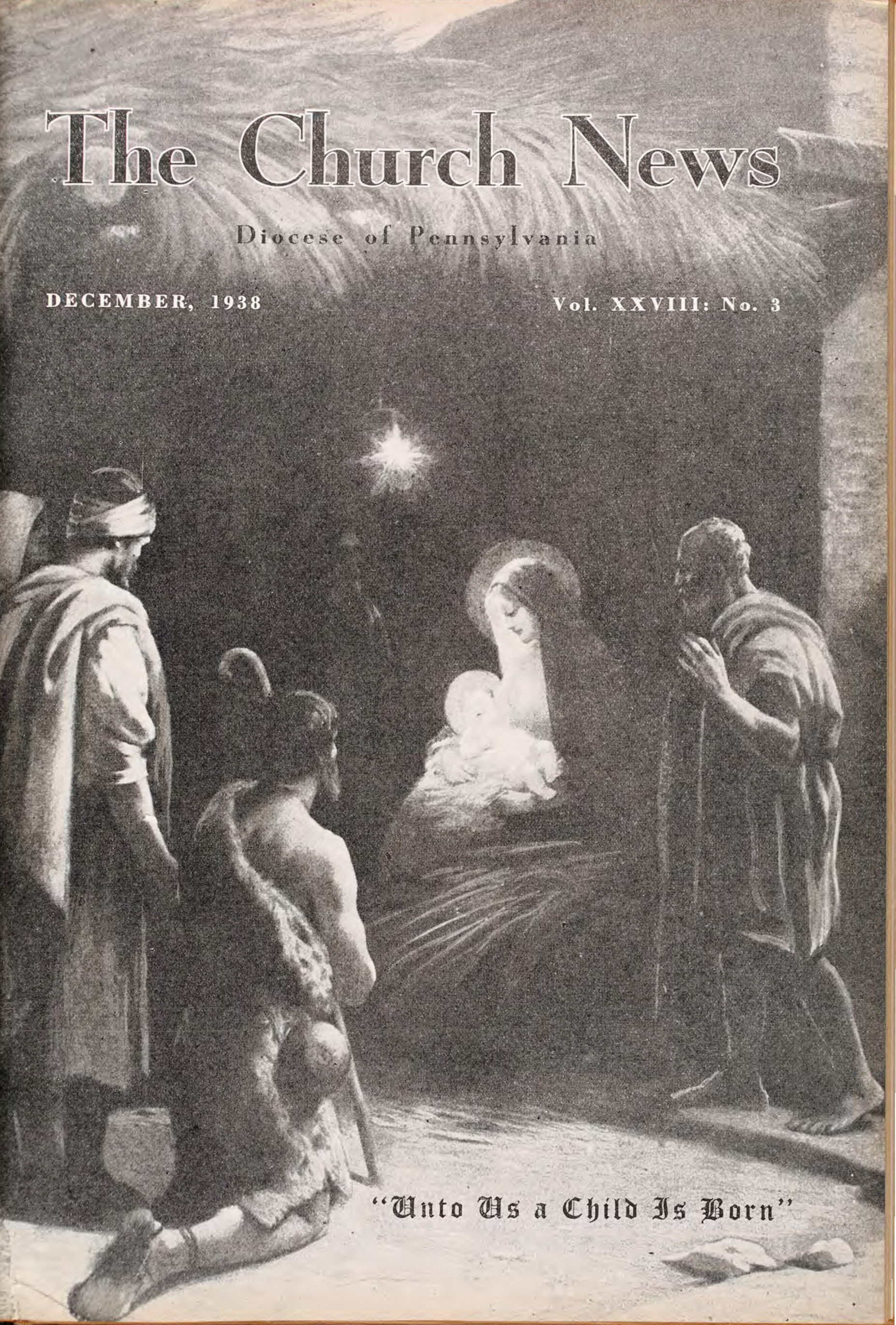

"Unto Us a Child Is Born"

The EDITOR'S CORNER

THIS issue contains an innovation . . . For the first time The Church News is devoting the major portion of a page to news of the Young People's Fellowship . . . The work the young people have been doing in the Diocese through their organization and the plans they have for the future are deserving of all the encouragement that can be given to them, for it is from the ranks of these same young people that will come the working laymen, the priests, the Woman's Auxiliary memberships of the future . . . The Church needs them and must give them its guidance and support if it is to hold them . . . They are eager to give themselves . . . and they are giving unstintingly . . . not only to earnest Christian endeavor, but also to preparing themselves for bigger and better efforts for the Church . . .

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With this issue we have succeeded in overcoming the handicap imposed at the beginning of The Church News year and are in circulation on the first Sunday of the month . . . In order to keep to that established schedule, it is necessary to set the 15th of each month as the deadline for material to be published in the issue of the succeeding month . . . All organizations, rectors and others submitting news for publication are requested to keep the deadline in mind and thus help us to maintain our schedule . . .

And so, we wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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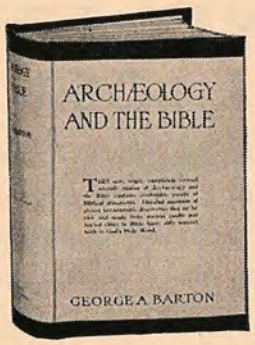

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The Bishop's Message

ON the 11th of November, 1918, our hearts thrilled with joy as we felt that an Armistice had been signed and that the "war to end war" was over, and peace was to inherit the earth. After twenty years, Christmas is dawning and we find nations "armed to the teeth" and war clouds floating everywhere. What a condition of the world to greet the advent of the Prince of Peace!

Can we not hear the prophet's warning of old: "For my people have committed two evils; they have forsaken me the fountain of living waters, and hewn them out cisterns, broken cisterns, that can hold no water."

Instead of this we trust to treaties that apparently mean nothing, and the pledges of men who have their tongues in their cheeks when they make them. In 1930 the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America sent to the world a long message in which was the following:

"WE believe that the consummation of the peace ideal depends upon bringing into political, economic and social relations of governments and peoples, the teachings of our Lord. The narrow and self-seeking nationalism out of which wars emerge must be overcome. In its place there must be substituted a patriotism consistent with Jesus' thought about the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man. It is because we espouse a faith that transcends all racial and national divisions that we make bold to affirm that peace will come when nations practice the teachings of Jesus."

No more shall nation against nation rise,
Nor ardent warriors meet with hateful eyes;
Nor fields with gleaming steel be covered o'er
But useless lances into scythes shall bend
And the broad falchion in a ploughshare end.

LET the same principles rule in our personal life, that peace and love may reign in our hearts and rule in our homes. Then indeed shall we all have a happy Christmas.

This is my earnest wish for every one of my people:

High above a star is shining,
  And the Wise Men haste from far;
Come glad hearts and spirits pining—
  For you all has risen the star.
Let us bring our poor oblations,
  Thanks and love and faith and praise;
Come ye people, come ye *nations*.
  All in all draw nigh and gaze.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S PAGE

A LETTER received from Lulu M. Dissosway, a nurse at St. Elisabeth's Hospital, Shanghai, gives a vivid description of the crowded conditions. Although the war operations have moved from Shanghai, the hospital is besieged by those who need its services. Miss Dissosway writes that between 250 and 300 babies a month are born there. The lack of cradles necessitated having new-born babies wrapped in heavier blankets and laid on the floor. The refugee problem compelled the addition of 100 beds. Even this was not sufficient and stretchers were laid in the aisles. The nurses' rest room and play room have been turned into wards. All this in addition to opening a new branch hospital. Miss Dissosway also writes of the gratefulness of the Chinese for the small sums of money being sent for their relief.

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War or no war the Church's two colleges in China reopened for their new term, St. John's University, Shanghai, continuing in temporary quarters since its own campus is not in a safe area; and Central China College (of which Dr. Frances Wei is President), normally in Wuchang, now transferred to Kweilin, 500 miles to the southwest.

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It is encouraging to turn our attention from the distress of Europe and Asia to clear signs of the coming of God in the mission field. For while support for missions from the home church has dwindled, the Church itself, on all its frontiers in non-Christian lands, shows every sign of vigorous, expanding growth. New life is coming to birth, and future generations of the Church may look back to these dark years as to an epoch of the dawn.—*Church Times, London, Editorial.*

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Bishop Ziegler tells an interesting story that has a moral. It is a good illustration of the way in which missionaries are badly evaluated.

Many years ago, when Bishop Ziegler was a missionary in Alaska, he was ministering to Eskimos at Latouche Island. A bad storm kept him on Prince William Sound all night in a small motor boat. He reached his home at seven o'clock in the morning, and immediately went to bed.

About nine o'clock that morning, a well-known Bishop from the States, accompanied by a traveling companion, also a clergyman, arrived at Mr. Ziegler's house for a visit. Mr. Ziegler explained the reason for his late sleeping, and the Bishop apologized for disturbing him.

A little more than ten years later Bishop Ziegler was a delegate to a Provincial Synod meeting. The worthwhileness of missions was being assailed, and the same Bishop who had called on him in Alaska got up and told the assembly that the trouble was the laziness of missionaries; that while he was on a tour a number of years before, he visited Alaska and found that the missionaries were still in bed at nine o'clock in the morning.

Bishop Ziegler jumped to his feet, indignantly remonstrated with the speaker, and told the true reason for his late sleep. Needless to say the Bishop was quite embarrassed and his speech was ruined.

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It is important that the Diocese make up the $8,428.53 still needed to make good our promise of $30,000 for China Relief. Will the Clergy please bear this in mind, as we should like to receive this money by December 31?

The Executive Council has asked the Treasurer's Office to notify all parishes and missions that commencing with 1939 the books at Diocesan Headquarters will be closed on December 31. Formal notice of this action will be mailed to all the Clergy and Accounting Wardens.

Meanwhile the Executive Council and the Finance Department are requesting Clergy and Accounting Wardens to co-operate in the attempt to have all Expectations and Diocesan Assessments paid in by December 31 this year.

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Another interesting visitor will be Miss Caroline Gillespie, who is well known in this Diocese. She is no longer connected with Rosborough House, but is now assigned to Patterson School, Legerwood, Caldwell County, North Carolina. A number of meetings have been scheduled for Miss Gillespie, but there are still one or two open dates. Miss Gillespie will be here from December 12 to 16, inclusive.

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One more story must be told about Bishop Ziegler's work. His secretary, Miss Mildred Capron, was returning one night from the field, and suddenly she encountered a herd of several hundred antelope stampeding across the road. In her attempt to avoid disaster she drove off the road and came to grief. Her car turned over twice, but, fortunately, she was unharmed.

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PLEASE—Will those parishes and Auxiliaries addressed by missionaries booked through the Diocesan Speakers' Bureau *please remember* that money given to the speaker does not pay for his travel and food and lodging while in the Diocese. That unless each organization and parish receiving a speaker sends a few dollars to the Speakers' Bureau, we shall have to discontinue bringing in missionary speakers, and go back to the old way of individual parish arrangements with New York. There is no appropriation in the budget for this expense.

FREDERICK P. HOUGHTON.

R. P. FRAZIER NAMED ARCHDEACON

The appointment of the Rev. Robert Pearsall Frazier as his Archdeacon has just been announced by the Rt. Rev. Winfred H. Ziegler, S.T.D., Bishop of the Missionary District of Wyoming, who left Philadelphia for his See city, Laramie, on Sunday, November 20, after spending two weeks in this Diocese.

One hundred thousand square miles of snow-capped mountains, glacier-gouged valleys, wind-swept and sun-scorched planes . . .

Cattle, sheep and dude ranches; sugar beet farms; iron, gold and coal mines; oil fields . . .

Professionals, socially elite, tradesmen, migrants, ranchers, convicts, the sick and the isolated, the humble and the proud, a cross section of humanity . . .

Hundreds of children who have never heard the chime of a church bell vibrating on the Sabbath morning air, who have never seen a church service . . .

That's the Missionary District of Wyoming . . .

In Winter the mercury plunges to the record depth of 66 below . . .

In Summer it soars to 118 degrees, searing the very souls of men . . .

Fifty-three parishes and missions manned by only twenty clergymen, inspired by the leadership of their Bishop, the Rt. Rev. Winfred Hamlin Ziegler . . .

That is the thrilling prospect faced by the Rev. Robert P. Frazier, priest-in-charge of St. Anne's Mission, Willow Grove, who has accepted the post of Archdeacon of the Missionary District of Wyoming.

With ten rich years of missionary experience in South Dakota behind him, "Bob" Frazier, as he is affectionately known here, is well equipped for his new work. He and Mrs. Frazier are expected in Laramie, Wyo., about February 1.

When Bishop Ziegler came into the Diocese early in November he had in mind the following recommendation contained in the formal report of the Committee on the State of the Church in Wyoming, dated June 27, 1938:

"Noting the interims between rectorships, and considering the loss to the several parishes and missions when the regularity of the services is broken and proper pastoral ministrations are not available, we strongly recommend that this Convocation seriously consider ways and means of providing an Archdeacon for the Missionary District of Wyoming. This need is the more urgent because of the killing pace at which our

Bishop Winfred H. Ziegler (seated), of Wyoming, held a conference at Church House with his new Archdeacon, the Rev. Robert Pearsall Frazier, and Mrs. Frazier

Bishop is travelling in an attempt to remedy this situation himself."

The "killing pace" is necessary if one is to cover an average of 1,000 miles a week, month in and month out, to carry the cheering Gospel message to isolated ranchers in that vast territory, where there is "a half acre for every man, woman and child in the United States."

To this great missionary area the Diocese of Pennsylvania has given more help than has any other Diocese in the country, according to Bishop Ziegler. And in releasing Mr. Frazier the Diocese is making another worthwhile contribution to the Church in Wyoming.

Scion of a family that has long been known for its loyalty and service to the Church, Mr. Frazier was born in Jenkintown, April 22, 1894, the son of William West Frazier, Jr., and Elizabeth Parrish Pearsall Frazier. He was trained for the ministry at Berkeley Divinity School after receiving his A.B. at the University of Pennsylvania. He was ordained a Deacon in 1919 and began his ministry in the mission field of South Dakota, where he served successively at Chamberlain; Trinity Mission, Winner; Cheyenne River Mission, where he was Supervising Presbyter; Niobrara Deanery, as assistant to the Archdeacon; Rosebud Mission, as Supervising Presbyter; and Principal of Hare Industrial School.

Then followed two years as General Secretary of the Field Department, National Council, 1929-31; and three years as rector of St. Paul's, Duluth, Minn., 1931-34. Since November, 1934, he has been at St. Anne's, Willow Grove.

He was ordained to the priesthood in South Dakota by Bishop Burleson in 1920.

When he and Mrs. Frazier leave for their new home, the prayers and best wishes of the whole Diocese will go with them.

MUSIC LENDING LIBRARY

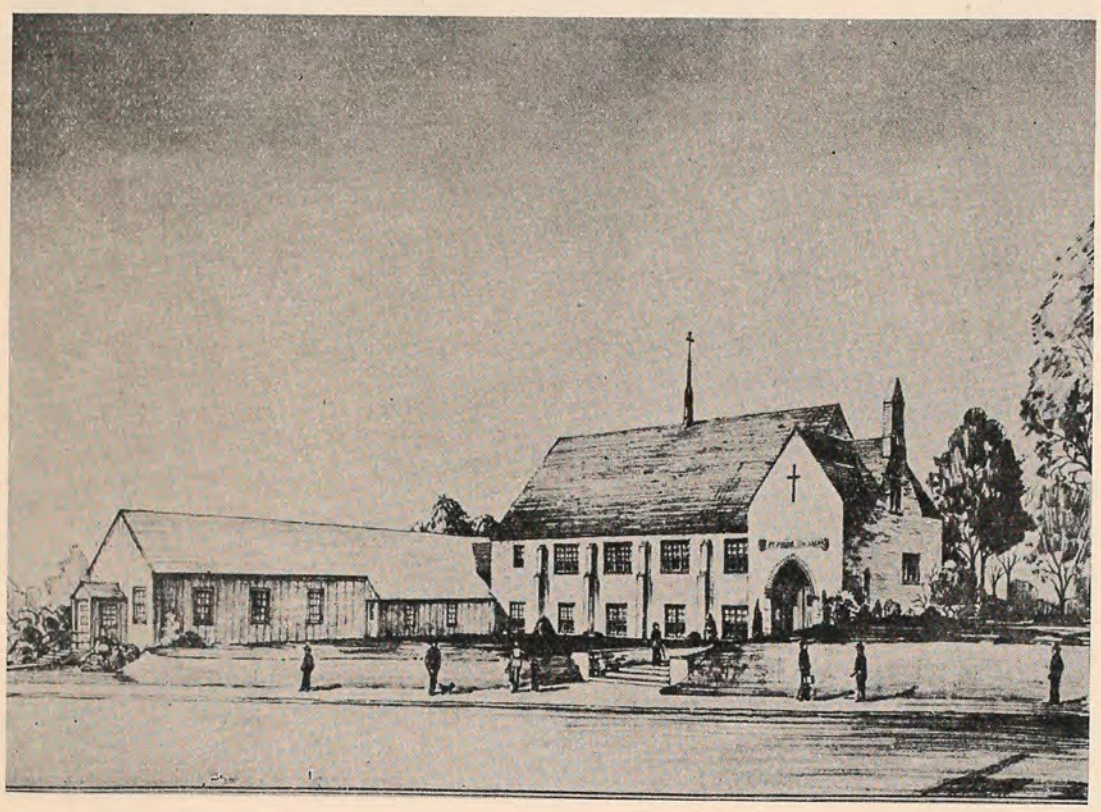
The Diocesan Commission on Music has formed a lending library of choir music, which is now available to the parishes of the Diocese.

Particulars regarding membership in this service may be obtained on application to the Commission through H. William Hawke, 1625 Locust Street.

The catalogue list will also be supplied upon inquiry.

DIOCESAN REPORTER'S NOTEBOOK

Jottings About What Goes On In Parishes and Missions in the Diocese of Pennsylvania

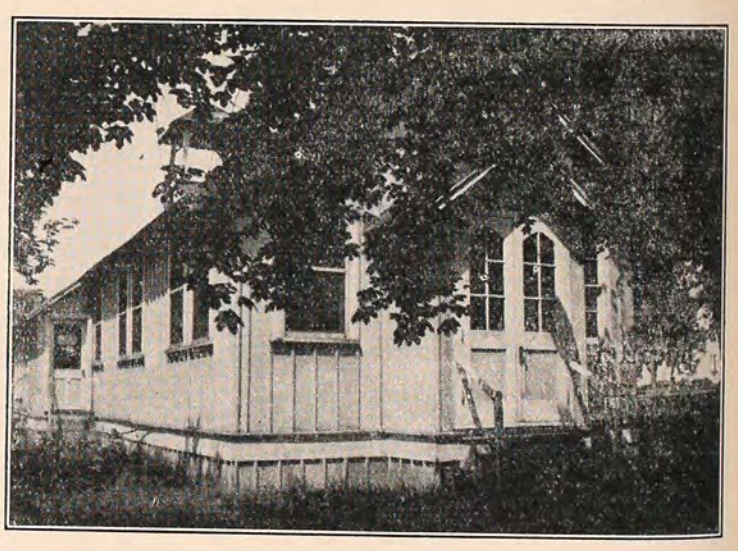


Plans for erecting the new building shown in this architectural perspective have been approved by St. John's Mission, West Oak Lane, and a building fund campaign to raise the first $6000 has been begun

Plans for a new building to house the rapidly growing congregation of St. John's Mission, West Oak Lane, were approved at a meeting on November 15 when a campaign to raise a building fund of $6000 in two years was begun. The new building will cost $17,500.

The mission first met in a private dwelling on February 22, 1933, and later moved to the building formerly occupied by St. Columba's, which was removed from Southampton and re-erected on the lot owned by the Diocese at 7485 Briar Road. Many building operations in the last few years have transformed the neighborhood from a few scattered homes in a large open area to a closely built up residential section, creating a real need for a more adequate church structure. The Rev. Albert F. Fischer, Jr., formerly assistant minister at the Country Centre Mission, is the priest-in-charge.

The annual service of First Troop, Philadelphia City Cavalry, in memory of George Washington, its founder, will be held with all its usual military color at old St. Peter's Church, 3d and Pine Streets, on Sunday, December 11, at 5 o'clock. The Rev. Frederick W. Blatz, rector, will preach. Special music will be sung by St. Peter's choir of men and boys under the direction of Harold W. Gilbert, organist and choirmaster.



Still in service is the little chapel that used to be St. Columba's, Southampton, from where it was moved to West Oak Lane to become St. John's Mission.

Calvary Church, Conshohocken, joined in a community Thanksgiving service in a neighboring Methodist Church on Wednesday evening, November 23. The speakers were the Rev. Isador Barnett, Rabbi of Tiffers Israel Synagogue, Norristown, and the Rev. Edward C. Carson, pastor of Conshohocken M. E. Church. The offering was given to help relieve suffering among both Jews and Christians under persecution abroad.

Children as well as grown-ups in Calvary parish, Conshohocken, responded generously to an appeal for toys and other inexpensive gifts which were wrapped at the Parish House and shipped to the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota for distribution among the Indian children to whom Sister Horner, of the Church Army, ministers.

A lecture and discussion on "Inter-Communion," one of the events on the Winter program of the Catholic Laymen's Union, will be held in St. Mary's, Hamilton Village, Monday, December 5. The Rev. Dr. William H. Dunphy, of the Philadelphia Divinity School, will be the speaker. Other events scheduled include a series of Monday night lectures in January at St. Clement's Church; a men's mission at St. Timothy's, Roxborough, Monday night, February 27, with Father Joseph, O.S.F., as leader; a picnic at the Bucks County farm of the Rev. Wallace E. Conkling, rector of St. Luke's, Germantown, on June 3; and the annual Corporate Communions of parish branches in their own parish churches on June 8, Corpus Christi.

"Why I Chose the Ministry" was the subject on which two clergymen and a divinity student spoke at the Autumn conference, sponsored by the Commission on Recruiting for the Ministry, held November 26 at the Seaman's Church Institute. The conference, which was preceded by luncheon, was the second in a series designed to present the ministry as a vocation to a group of young men who expressed an interest in the subject. The Rev. William N.

Parker, rector of the Church of the Epiphany, Fifty-seventh Street and Baltimore Avenue, was chairman. The speakers were the Rev. Charles S. Martin, chaplain of Episcopal Academy; the Rev. Harvey D. Butterfield, rector, Christ Church, Media; and Peter R. Blynn, a student at the Philadelphia Divinity School.

The Rev. William C. Taylor, Jr., for the last two years curate at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Rosemont, resigned as of November 8 to accept an appointment to the staff of St. Stephen's Church, Providence, R. I., under the Rev. Dr. Charles Townsend. Among his new duties will be those of chaplain at St. Dunstan's School, one of the institutions of the Diocese of Rhode Island.

The beautiful "St. Cecelia Mass" of Charles Gounod was sung by the choir of men and boys with full orchestral accompaniment in the service marking the Patronal Feast of St. Clement at St. Clement's Church, November 23. The Rev. Dr. Bernard Iddings Bell, Canon of Providence, R. I., was the preacher.

The Rev. Frank Damrosch, Jr., rector of St. Paul's, Doylestown, was the preacher at the service on Sunday evening, November 27, when St. Clement's Church observed the annual procession of Parish Guilds.

Under an accounting of a trust deed transfer made in 1935 by Eugene Beck, of Bustleton, $1,000 has been reserved in Orphans' Court for the Church of St. Luke the Beloved Physician. Mr. Beck died July 26.

The annual pre-Thanksgiving service of the Pennsylvania Society of Mayflower Descendants was conducted by the Rev. John Craig Roak in Gloria Dei (Old Swedes') Church Sunday, November 13. It was marked by the singing of Pilgrim hymns and by the reading of the "Compact" which was signed November 21, 1620, in the cabin of the Mayflower. The color guard was led by J. Wyman Worthington, Dr. J. Besson Rudolphy, Mercer Sherwood Maloney and John L. G. Lennig. The Rev. Melville B. Gurley preached on "Our Pilgrim Heritage."

A bequest of $500 to St. Andrew's Church, 36th and Baring Streets, and provision for the gift of personal effects to Episcopal Hospital were included in the will of Mrs. Sarah J. Brown, who died October 26 in her apartment at 36th Street and Powelton Avenue.

An Oxford edition of the Prayer Book has been presented to the Bible classes of Calvary Church, Conshohocken, as a memorial to Aaron M. Merkle by the Rev. Alfred W. Price, rector of St. Philip's Church, Brooklyn, who was in charge of boys' work and taught the Men's Bible Class at Calvary for several years while he was preparing for the ministry here.

The esteem in which the Rev. Charles H. Long, rector of Zion Church, Broad Street and Wyoming Avenue, is held, not only by his own parishioners, but also by other members of the community served by his church, was manifest in the reception held in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Long in the Parish House on Friday night, November 18. The affair was in celebration of Mr. Long's twenty years as rector. Bishop Taitt joined the vestry and the congregation in paying tribute to Mr. Long, as did Dean Eder, of the Germantown Convocation, and the Rev. Ray G. Uhrich, president of the Logan Ministerium. The church in which his parish worships was erected since Mr. Long became rector there. It was consecrated on Christmas Day, 1924.

The Church of the Atonement, Morton, was host to Faraday Park Lodge, Knights of Pythias, on Sunday evening, November 20. A large turnout of parishioners and friends of the lodge helped to make the service a complete success.

St. James' Church, Langhorne, was filled to the doors on Sunday, November 6, when Bishop Taitt confirmed the largest class presented in the history of that church. The service marked the tenth annual visitation by Bishop Taitt to the Country Centre Mission, headed by the Rev. W. D. Parker. The visitation included confirmations for two other churches in the mission—Trinity, Solebury, and Grace Church, Hulmeville.

Condemned by the Bureau of Building Inspection, Philadelphia Department of Public Safety, the rear portion of the rectory of St. Matthew's Church, 18th Street and Girard Avenue, is being torn down, rebuilt and modernized. The work includes modernizing and reinforcing the front part of the building. Inspectors found that the foundations had sunk about five inches, due to an old stream bed underground, rendering the structure unsafe. Old members of the parish say the rectory was built before 1840.

REV. THOMAS PARKER INSTITUTED AS RECTOR

REV. THOMAS PARKER

Was instituted as rector of St. Paul's Memorial Church, 15th and Porter Streets, Thursday night, December 1

The Institution of the Rev. Thomas Parker as rector of St. Paul's Memorial Church, 15th and Porter Streets, took place in the church on Thursday evening, December 1, with Bishop Taitt officiating. The service was followed by a reception to Mr. and Mrs. Parker in the Parish House.

Mr. Parker came to Philadelphia, his birthplace, from the University of Dubuque (Iowa) to enter the Philadelphia Divinity School, where he received his baccalaureate degree in theology in 1924 and his master's degree in 1926. He was ordained a deacon in 1924 and priested in 1925 by Bishop Garland.

From June, 1924, he was assistant to the Rev. Dr. George Herbert Toop, rector of Holy Apostles, until early this year when he succeeded the Rev. J. Perry Cox as rector of St. Paul's.

His six predecessors at St. Paul's were invited to attend his institution. They are the Rev. Edwin S. Carson, Christ Church, Ridgewood, N. J.; the Rev. Joseph H. Earp, Immanuel Church, New Castle, Del.; the Very Rev. Granville Taylor, Chapel of the Mediator, West Philadelphia; the Very Rev. Stanley V. Wilcox, St. Paul's Church, Chester; the Rev. Herbert L. Johnson, Grace Church, Everett, Mass.; and the Rev. J. Perry Cox, Calvary Church, Summit, N. J.

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CHRISTMAS WITHIN, DECEMBER OUTSIDE

USUALLY no one passing our city churches during the Christmas season would guess from their exteriors how beautifully they are decorated within. This is a great loss, for there are many people who never go to church, and all their lives therefore see nothing but the cold stone walls rising abrupt from the sidewalks as they pass by, keenly conscious of the cold without but oblivious to the lights, the holly, the laurel and all that give color and warmth to the Lord's house within. Sometimes one wishes he could put a sign on a church door saying that it is now decorated for Christmas, and inviting everyone to come in. Or to place at least a wreath outside as a sign of the inner beauty that awaits those who enter to rest and pray.

And as with the church, so with ourselves. Would it not add to the blessedness of this most blessed season if we lighted our faces as well as our hearts? For it is not enough to walk about like a gruff but good-hearted old man, all Christmas within but only December outside.

MISPLACED ESTEEM

ONE of the most serious questions confronting the American people today is whether the fact that a girl has inherited a great name or a million dollars is any guarantee that she is thereby automatically constituted an authority on the quality of every brand of cigarettes or every type of beauty-cream. Or, to put it in masculine form, "Does excellence in executing a forward-pass give any special value to a man's views on the Social Security Act; or the fact that a man is a great surgeon make his opinion on the way to run a parish necessarily final?" The advertisers and other propagandists think it does. The rest of us, in our saner moments, know that, in itself, it doesn't.

Yet we Americans are the world's chief victims of this fallacy of misplaced esteem. If a man has made a sizable fortune in some business, even if it is only providing ready-made meals for dogs, we listen to his opinion on such undoglike subjects as politics and religion as reverently as if he were Sir Oracle. An when some one who has made a million selling sewin machines in China utters a blast against foreign mi sions we shake in our boots because of our old Amer can custom of esteeming every prosperous citizen a authority on everything under the sun.

The truth is that the opinions of most of us are n always equally valuable; for all men have a sort blind spot, an area where they don't see straight clearly.

We all know lawyers and clergymen (usually tho who don't agree with us) whose views on their ow subjects are abreast of the best thought and mo recent theories in the field, but whose economic opi ions are contemporaneous with the men of the la stone age.

In the words of an English writer, the reason that "the enormous growth of detail in all branch of human knowledge and the different spheres of i quiry make a man less, not more, worth listening when he talks of matters outside his own subject Therefore it is wise to be slow to make dogmatic asse tions when we wander beyond our own special doma of knowledge. And above all to beware of the falla of misplaced esteem. Whether men are extolling t merits of a cigarette or telling us how to run the wor or the Church, before accepting their dogmas should first inquire by what authority they say the things, and not esteem them masters in every fie because they happen to be well known in one.

THE ADVENTURESOME GOD

IT IS not irreverent to say that from the very begi ning of creation God has been taking chances his dealings with men. Indeed, creating man a placing him upon the earth was a bold and adventur some thing for the Almighty to do; He must have h more faith in man than man usually has in his fello man to entrust His good earth to the human rac selfish control and care.

But bolder and more divinely adventuresome th creating man was God's method of revealing Hims to man. Our best knowledge of God comes fr looking at the man Jesus Christ. "To the questio 'What is God like?' the perfect answer is, 'Look Jesus Christ and see!' And not only at Christ ris and ascended, not only at Christ the worker of m acles, not only at Christ the perfect Teacher, but ev at Christ the babe in the manger at Bethlehem."

What a risk God took when He said in effect, "Lo at this humble child if you would see me." Wh sublime faith God had in mankind to believe that m would see Him in a baby.

But His faith was justified; for men do see G in Christ even as an infant in the manger. Never a Christian men so certain of God's presence, and aware of His love as when at Christmas they aga see the Christ-child born for them.

A LESSON IN FAITH FROM THE CHINESE

Priest from War-Stricken China Sees Christianity Helping His People Go On.

One of the most inspiring manifestations of the courage that can be gained only through Christian faith is found in the Rev. Kimber H. K. Den, for twenty-one years a priest in the Church and one of the leaders in the modern Christian movement in China, who recently visited this Diocese.

When he last heard from his wife more than two months ago she wrote that she and five of their seven children had just completed a 120-mile march in six days, seeking escape from an area under Japanese bombardment. He did not know her whereabouts while he was here, nor did he know whether or not she or the children were safe.

Yet he could smile and discuss the future with the most amazing degree of optimism.

How can he smile?

He was asked that question and his inquisitor added that under like circumstances he would probably be in a state of mental agony bordering on insanity or complete nervous collapse.

"How can I smile?" he replied. "My friend, I am a Christian, my wife and children are Christians. We have faith."

So simple and direct was his answer that it shamed the questioner.

"All Christians in China are living on faith these days," Mr. Den continued. "You should see some of my congregations at Nanchang when we hold services in dugouts while Japanese planes are dropping bombs on China's great air base there. Then you would learn something about Christian faith."

Born in a small village near Hankow, Mr. Den attended a Christian mission school. His parents were dead when he became a Christian at the age of 15. Later he went to Shanghai and was graduated from St. John's University in 1917.

Twelve years ago he came to the United States to complete his theological studies at Virginia Theological Seminary, Arlington, and at General and Union Seminaries in New York.

Returning to China he founded the first leper colony ever organized by Chinese, the now famous Nanchang Leprosarium where 220 lepers are under treatment and where many others have gone forth cured. He is head of the Chinese Mission to Lepers.

Since 1920 he has been rector of St. Matthew's Church in Nanchang and is on the executive committee of the National Christian Federation in China. He is also a member of the promotion committee of the New Life Movement, a vast Christian enterprise in China resembling, he says, the Y. M. C. A. in America. He is vice president of the board of directors of the Christian Rural Reconstruction Experiment at Lichwan, Kiangsi Province.

Last Summer Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek, Christian leader of the Chinese Central Government, selected Mr. Den to represent China at the World's Youth Peace Conference at Vassar College, Poughkeepsie, N. Y. Since the adjournment of that conference he has been traveling over the country, describing the war situation, how Christianity is influencing the Chinese through relief of war refugees and wounded soldiers; the Chinese Church in the war; opportunities for Christian missions in China today; Christian missions and Communism, and the various organizations with which he is connected.

REV. KIMBER H. K. DEN
One of China's outstanding Christian leaders, who holds high hope for the future of Christianity in China

Mr. Den arrived in Philadelphia on Armistice Day and left for New York on November 16. He spoke in a number of churches in the Diocese, at the Philadelphia Divinity School, and addressed the Clerical Brotherhood.

Everywhere he left the impression that Christian missionaries in China have done a monumental and heroic job and have a still greater job ahead.

Of China's attitude toward the war he said:

"China has a firm conviction that the Japanese will never conquer the nation in a military way. Japan may win a few battles here and there, but not the war itself. The invasion has welded China into the most united nation it has ever been in its history, and a united China cannot be defeated."

On his way to embark for the United States he rode five days on a train that was bombed at every station between Hankow and Canton. His train escaped but the one ahead was hit and many on board were killed.

Mr. Den expects to return to Philadelphia at the Christmas season when it is hoped that many more in the Diocese will have an opportunity to hear him.

ST. MATTHEW'S GETS BONSALL MEMORIAL

As a memorial to the late Edward H. Bonsall, for more than fifty years an outstanding layman, not only in the diocese, but in the national church as well, St. Matthew's Church, 18th Street and Girard Avenue, has been made acoustically perfect by the installation of sound absorptive material in the ceiling. The cost of the work is about $1,850. After a suitable tablet has been placed in the wall of the church, the whole will be dedicated some time after the first of next year.

Mr. Bonsall was a vestryman at St. Matthew's for forty-nine years; led the Men's Bible Class for forty years, and for many years was treasurer of the Philadelphia Federation of Churches. He was active in Y. M. C. A. work; a Deputy to the Diocesan Convention for thirty-four years; a trustee of the Philadelphia Divinity School for thirty-two years; national president of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew for nineteen years; and a founder of the Galilee Mission where he served on the Board of Managers for thirty-seven years.

These are just a few of the many activities which bound him to the Church and made his life a continuous testimony of Christian works. Mr. Bonsall was in his seventy-fifth year when he died on January 31, 1933.

After an old woodcut

CHRISTMAS CAROLS

By HAROLD W. GILBERT

AT Christmastide, in the year 1223, St. Francis of Assisi carried out an experiment in visual teaching which has been continued by the Church to this day. He arranged a representation of the Christ child in a manger, with the members of the Holy Family standing by. About this group he stationed shepherds and a choir of monks who sang new songs about the birth of the Saviour. It is said that all night long the humble folk of the Italian village came to see the lovely tableau and to listen to the singing. This was the beginning of Christmas carol singing. The tableau idea evolved into the later Mystery Plays; the singing into various kinds of secular and religious carols.

In the early days of carol singing, the dance accompanied the music. This does not mean that the revellers attached no religious significance to their singing, but simply that they were executing it to the accompaniment of bodily gestures which to them meant joy—a very characteristic method of performing folk music.

Those were the days of troubadours—the wandering minstrels to whose inventive skill the art of music owes so much. No doubt these singers furnished the peasantry with many of their carol

A shepherd, watching his flock, receives the good tidings, "The Saviour of the world is born," on the first Christmas

texts and tunes. As time went on, these carols would inevitably undergo change in words and in music, for they were carried in men's memories—not written down on paper. Each singer would do a little adapting to suit his own taste, until the product that emerged might be quite different from that which was at first composed. Is it any wonder, then, that some of the carol texts on record are curious admixtures of secular and religious matter?

During the English Reformation, Christmas observance was discouraged. No doubt, many old carols went out of circulation during that time. At any rate, few new ones were composed. But before that time, carols were widely used. They found their way into the Fifteenth Century theatrical performances—the Mystery-Plays, Miracle-Plays and Morality-Plays. They were sung during intermissions by actors and audience. So popular did they prove to be that at least one case is on record where the actors were roughly handled by the audience because they did not provide enough carolling during the course of the play. In some instances the audience became so excited over their carol singing that they left the scene of performance to march gayly off in procession, carolling all the while. Eventually, carol singing completely usurped the place of the play. There had developed what we would today call "community sings."

Carols of the Virgin Mary, many of them being hymns addressed to the Virgin herself, were products of the pre-Reformation period. Some of these texts likened the Virgin to the rose:

There is no rose of such virtue
As the Rose that bare Jesu.
Alleluia.
For in this Rose contained was
Heaven and earth in little space
Res Miranda!
By that Rose we well may see,
There be One God in Persons Three,
Pares forma.

Others of this period compared the Virgin to a bird:

As I lay upon a night,
My thought was on a bird so bright,
That men call Mary, full of might,
Redemptoris Mater.
. . . et cetera, et cetera.

Narrative carols were often founded upon legend. Many quaint texts there were which told stories about Mary and Joseph, about St. Stephen, about Dives and Lazarus.

It was natural that untutored folk would most easily gather inspiration from the objects of nature about them. Trees, birds, flowers supplied ideas to be incorporated in Christmas songs:

The Holly and the Ivy
Now both are fully grown.
Of all the trees that are in the wood
The Holly bears the crown.
O the rising of the sun, the running of the deer.
The playing of the merry organ,
Sweet singing in the choir.

Lullaby carols have always been popular. They bring to the mind a picture of the Virgin and her Babe. Numeral

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WHAT THE ORGANIZATIONS ARE DOING

PRAYER BOOK SOCIETY REPORTS GOOD YEAR

At its 105th annual meeting the Bishop White Prayer Book Society spread upon its minutes a sincere tribute to the late Louis Cope Washburn, D.D., long-time rector of Christ Church and for more than thirty years a member of the society's Board of Managers. He was a vice president of the society at the time of his death.

The Rev. Dr. George H. Toop, rector of Holy Apostles, was elected vice president to fill the vacancy created by Dr. Washburn's death and the Rev. E. Felix Kloman, rector of Christ Church, was named to replace Dr. Toop on the board of managers.

During the year just past the society distributed a total of 11,287 books—1,611 Prayer Books, 4,838 hymnals and 4,838 combined Prayer Books and hymnals.

It was reported that there seemed to be little prospect of early action on the publication of the Prayer Book in Italian. The matter is still being considered by the Commission appointed by the General Convention. Much satisfaction is resulting from the Niobrara Service Book which is being circulated among the Indians of South Dakota.

ADVENT RETREAT

An Advent Retreat for Teachers will be held on Saturday, December 10, at St. Margaret's Mission House, 2028 Delancey Street. The conductor will be the Very Reverend Allen Evans, Dean of the Philadelphia Divinity School. The retreat begins with a celebration of Holy Communion at 8 o'clock and closes with a service of devotion at 4. Reservations should be sent to the Sister-in-Charge, 2028 Delancey Street, not later than December 6.

Many women of the diocese often long for the opportunity for a private retreat and for the privilege of being alone with our Lord. The Sisters will be glad to have the Mission House so used by any who care to do so, either for a whole day of retreat or for part of a day. In some cases, arrangements may be made for a retreatant to spend the night preceding or following such a day of quiet. The Sunday before Christmas will be set apart especially for any who would like to use the Chapel in preparing for the Feast of the Nativity. Reservations must be made two days in advance if any meals are desired.

The Associates of the Sisterhood of St. Margaret will hold their Advent meeting on December 7 at 3 o'clock in the Mission House. The Rev. Wallace E. Conkling, rector of St. Luke's, Germantown, will be the speaker at the service in the Chapel.

SISTER LEILA MARGARET, S.S.M.

LENTEN PREACHING MISSION PLANNED

THE Commission on Evangelism and the Commission on the Forward Movement, acting as a Joint Commission, are planning, with the approval of Bishop Taitt, to hold a Lenten Preaching Mission in every parish and mission in the Diocese of Pennsylvania the week of March 19 to 26.

Further details of the plan will be announced in subsequent issues of the Church News.

INTERCESSORS MEET

At the November meeting of the League of Intercessors it was found necessary to have one more meeting before Christmas. It will be held on Tuesday, December 13, at 10:30 A. M. At that time there will be distributed the Bishop's Christmas letters, calendars, and Christmas cards to be sent to all in whom the League is interested.

MAY BELLE SYLE,
Secretary.

BROTHERHOOD MEETS

The annual meeting of the Pennsylvania Diocesan Assembly of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew was held on St. Andrew's Day, Wednesday, November 30, at the Church of the Messiah on Roosevelt Boulevard. At 8 P. M. a service in the church was conducted by the Chaplain, the Rev. W. O. Roome. At 8:30 a meeting was held in the Parish Hall when the men met the new Field Secretary of the National Brotherhood, W. W. Naramore, Jr., of Washington.

A motion picture of Camp Taitt was shown by Robert Lenhard, camp director. Last year the camp was most successful. The pictures showed all its activities. Next year it is hoped that more than 300 boys from the diocese will take advantage of the camp's splendid facilities.

Officers elected for the ensuing year will be announced in the next issue of THE CHURCH NEWS. The Brotherhood Chapters feel reinvigorated since Mr. Naramore has taken active leadership and every member was interested in the forward program he presented.

H. O. MERRILL.

ALTAR GUILD PLANS DIOCESAN OFFICERS

Bishop Taitt was the speaker at the annual meeting of the Diocesan Altar Guild in Church House on Monday, November 21.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing three years:

President, Mrs. Sumner H. Cross, St. Clement's; first vice president, Miss Elizabeth Newhall, St. Luke's, Germantown; second vice president, Mrs. Levis L. Mann, St. Mark's, Philadelphia; secretary, Mrs. Shipley Thomas; treasurer, Mrs. Clayton McElroy, St. Mark's, Philadelphia.

The following were elected to the executive committee:

Mrs. A. Ludlow Clayden, Trinity, Swarthmore; Miss Alma Cope, St. Timothy's, Roxborough; Mrs. George H. Croft, St. Mark's, Frankford; Mrs. William P. Fries, St. Asaph's, Bala; Miss Elizabeth Mockridge, St. James's, Philadelphia, and Miss Flora Welsh, St. John's, Norristown.

The Diocesan Altar Guild will conduct a class in ecclesiastical embroidery under the direction of Miss Harriet Phillips Bronson, of New York. The classes will meet in St. Clement's Altar Guild room on Wednesday mornings, January 11 and 25, and February 8 and 22, from 10.30 A. M. until 3 P. M.

The charge for the course will be $8. Anyone desiring to join the class will please confer with Mrs. Sumner H. Cross, Jenkintown. The telephone number is Ogontz 454.

CHURCH PERIODICAL CLUB

While December is always a joyful month, it is also a very busy one. At least the C. P. C. secretaries find it so; they are actively engaged in packing and sending off Christmas boxes and gift books to the various missions and missionaries and wishing everyone a Blessed and Happy Christmas.

A missionary, recently returned from the Orient, after expressing pleasure at

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DEPARTMENT OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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Dean Stockman and William O. Gilbert, lay reader in charge, indicate the limit of the site that will be occupied by a new parish hall at St. Christopher's Mission

MANY years ago, when new missions were being built in the Diocese, there was started what was known as the Bishop's Bricks Fund, so that members of our Church Schools could participate in the erection of church buildings. In recent years this offering has been known as the Advent Offering, and sometimes has been used for the support of work in which our young people would be interested.

This Advent, however, a very interesting building project has been presented to us, in which the Church Schools of the Diocese can (if they all co-operate) erect the entire building.

Dean Stockman, of the North Philadelphia Convocation, is asking the children of the Diocese to raise $1,000 through the Advent Offering to erect a very plain building for St. Christopher's Colored Mission. The mission is situated in a teeming colored community, at 1332 North 12th Street, Philadelphia.

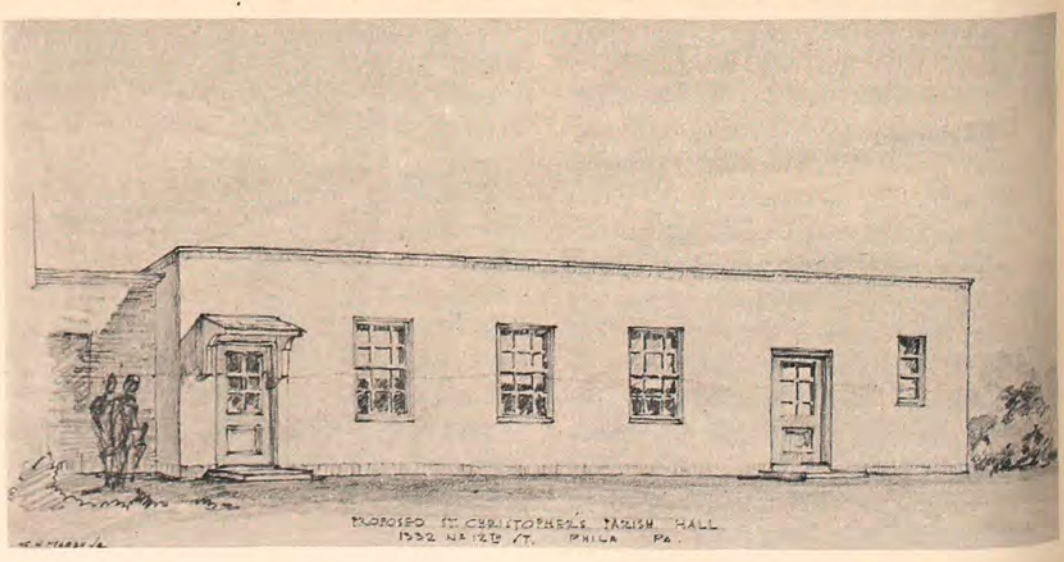
A little over a year ago this congregation was compelled to move from the house in which they had conducted their work for some years, because the building was falling down. The Church School and the congregation were taken in for a time by the Salvation Army.

Recently the mission has been able to purchase a dwelling house with the help of St. John's Settlement House, where they are now holding services and week-day activities. The quarters, however, are inadequate for this growing mission. They want to erect a very simple hall in the rear of their present location, where they will be able to hold services and conduct the Church School. The cost of this building will be $1,000. The Bishop has decided to ask the children of our Church Schools to contribute their Advent Offering for this purpose.

Last year the Advent Offering amounted to $675, but only thirty-two schools participated. We would like to have every Church School in the Diocese have some part in this endeavor. Some schools may wish to make contributions out of their treasuries. Others may want to give their offerings each Sunday during Advent to this project. The amount given will apply on the quotas of their parishes, inasmuch as there is an allowance in the Diocesan Budget for the Bishop's Bricks Fund.

Dean Stockman cordially invites representatives or delegations from the Church Schools of the Diocese to visit St. Christopher's to see for themselves the splendid opportunity for service their offering will provide.

The architect's sketch reveals in perspective how the proposed parish hall for St. Christopher's Mission, 1332 North 12th Street, will appear when completed.



NORMAL

Those who attended the first semester of the Normal School received many suggestions to aid in making Christmas plans well in advance so that this Christian festival might have greater meaning in our parishes this year. At each session of the Normal School in Church House an exhibit of Christmas material was brought down stairs from Room 30. It consisted of plays, pageants, carol services for every type group; crêches for Church School and home; beautifully illustrated Christmas books which sell for 25 cents and one dollar; booklets which give helpful suggestions for the celebration of Christmas in church and home; suggestions for Christmas music.

FORWARD

The Forward Movement is not publishing a new Christmas book for children this year, but sample copies of "The Coming of the Light" and "On Earth Peace," two very fine booklets for children, published a year or so ago, are available in Room 30. Copies of "How Shall a Christian Family Celebrate Christmas," a pamphlet by Sarah Cadoo Leidt, also are to be had for the asking.

CHRISTMAS

With Christmas falling on Sunday this year, it becomes difficult to fit in the Church School's observance. The Sunday before is too soon and the Sunday after, too late. There has been considerable discussion of this around the Church House and at the Normal School in Norristown. On one thing there is agreement—that the children's needs should be thought of as much as the needs and convenience of the adults. For those who have always had the children's service or pageant on Sunday it may be helpful to know that in some parishes it is the custom to have a pageant or carol service on Christmas Eve at about 4 o'clock. They find that there is a large attendance of parents and children, and that there is some value in having the children start their Christmas celebration in the church. Many return for service on Christmas Day. In other parishes Christmas afternoon is the time that the Church School service is held with success. The feeling is that the length of the services or pageants should be less than one hour.

"Thy youth is renewed like the eagle's." Molting eagles fly poorly. When their new feathers are grown they are "young" again. Thus they become a symbol of saints, newly forgiven, healed, delivered from surrounding perils, and crowned with loving kindness. The best way to renew one's youth is to wait upon God.

NASHVILLE RECTOR ELECTED TO SUCCEED LATE BISHOP COOK IN DELAWARE

Hope that its quest for a successor to the Rt. Rev. Dr. Philip Cook, who died last March, was ended appeared brighter when the Diocese of Delaware, in special convention on November 15, elected to the Episcopate the Rev. Arthur Raymond McKinstry, D.D., rector of Christ Church, Nashville, Tenn.

As this was written no acceptance had been received from Dr. McKinstry, although he had said he would give the election "very earnest and careful consideration."

In September, the Delaware Convention elected the Rev. Dr. Oliver J. Hart, of Washington, but he declined the office.

The Very Rev. Granville Taylor, vicar of the Chapel of the Mediator, 51st and Spruce Streets, and Dean of the Convocation of West Philadelphia, and the Rev. Louis W. Pitt, rector of St. Mary's, Ardmore, were among the seven candidates nominated by the convention.

Dr. McKinstry, who went to Nashville last Fall from San Antonio, Tex., where he had been rector of St. Mark's since 1931, is a native of Greeley, Kans. He is 43 years old.

After attending public schools in Chanute, Kans., he enrolled in Kenyon College, where he received his bachelor of philosophy degree in 1918, his master's degree in arts in 1920, and the degree of doctor of divinity in 1937. He also studied at Harvard and at Bexley Hall, and in 1920 was awarded the degrees of bachelor of divinity and bachelor of sacred theology at Episcopal Theological Seminary. In 1937 the University of the South, at Sewanee, conferred upon him its degree of doctor of divinity. He was ordained to the diaconate by Bishop Reese in 1919 and to the priesthood the following year by Bishop Wise.

REV. A. R. McKINSTRY, D.D.
Rector of Christ Church, Nashville, Tenn., was elected Bishop of Delaware by the Convention held in Wilmington on November 15

He served for a time as Canon of Grace Cathedral, Topeka, Kans., and in 1924 became rector of the Church of the Incarnation, Cleveland. From 1924 to 1927 he was corresponding secetary of the Field Department, National Council; rector, St. Paul's Cathedral, Albany, 1927 to 1931, when he went to San Antonio.

He has served on and is still a member of numerous Church boards and committees and was a delegate to the General Convention in 1931, 1934 and 1937.

He married Isabelle Van Dorn on June 19, 1920. They have three daughters and two sons.

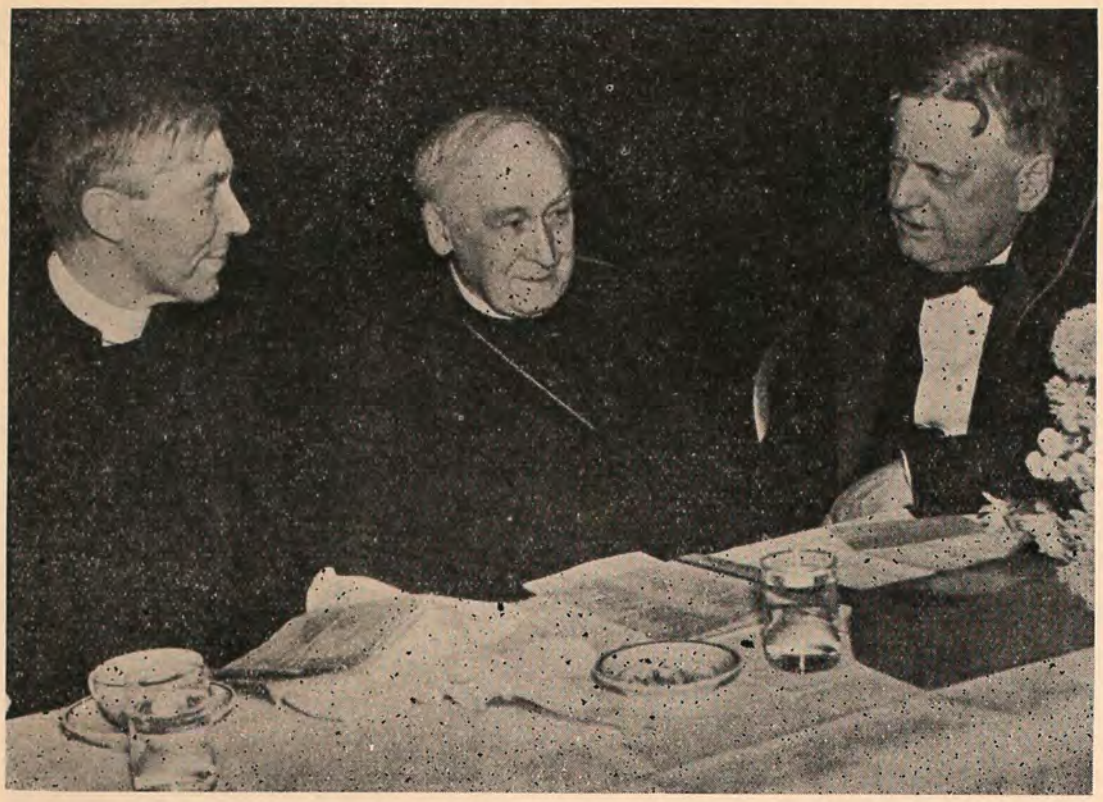
CHURCH NEEDED IN WAR ON DANGEROUS "ISMS"

In an address before the Department of Christian Social Service and Institutions at 118 North 19th Street, on Friday, November 18, Mrs. Mary K. Simkhovitch, founder and director of Greenwich House, New York, declared "The Church and community forces must unite to scotch, wherever they appear, treasonable attitudes current abroad which are beginning to appear in our neighborhoods."

"Admiration is expressed in high and low places," she said, "for the Fascist philosophy in practice in authoritarian states, in which the end is the state itself rather than the individual, an ideal that is repugnant to Christians."

Mrs. Simkhovitch, who has devoted thirty-seven years to the development of Greenwich House to its present exalted rank among social service settlements, described her program in the fields of child care, recreation, adult education, and the arts, as well as in the promotion of civic and social measures directed toward the public welfare.

Clinton Rogers Woodruff, chairman of the department, presided at the luncheon, which was attended by about seventy-five persons.



The Most Rev. Henry St. George Tucker (left), Presiding Bishop; Bishop Taitt (center), and Roland S. Morris, Chancellor of the Diocese, at the Woman's Auxiliary dinner at the Penn A. C., on November 14

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WOMAN'S AUXILIARY DEPARTMENT

"THE Church faces the greatest missionary opportunity it has ever known."

Thus sweepingly did the Most Rev. St. George Tucker, Presiding Bishop, provide ample food for thought for the more than 500 men and women who heard him at the Woman's Auxiliary Educational Conference dinner at the Penn Athletic Club on Monday evening, November 14.

"The old saying, 'Man's extremity is God's opportunity,' has never been truer than it is now," Bishop Tucker continued. "It is not Christians, however, who are rising up to take advantage of the opportunity, but rather those who are likely to injure the cause of the world. The Japanese, for example, are enthusiastic for the cause for which its military power is being poured into China.

"It is not their cause that is important, but rather their readiness to give themselves, to make great sacrifice to preserve unity of action.

"Christians need to keep that in mind. We must sink all our differences in the interest of our common cause if we hope to advance the Kingdom of Christ."

Referring to the situation in China, Bishop Tucker said that instead of the missionary work of seventy-five years being wiped out by the war in China, missionaries are bringing back reports that never was there a time when China's attitude toward Christianity was more receptive than now. That is because of the courage and Christian tenderness exhibited by missionaries in ministering to millions of war refugees. Because of their work, all restrictions have been removed from teaching Christian religion in Chinese schools, Bishop Tucker declared.

Even the Japanese are revealing an increasing interest in Christianity, Bishop Tucker said.

"The Oriental peoples today are facing problems for which they can find no answer in their old religions. Many of them are discovering that Christian teachings hold the only satisfying answers. In the last few years there has been a great change in the small villages in Japan. There the people are now prepared to listen to the Gospel message. There is a great need for more Christian missionaries who are adapted to fill that need.

"In the next five years there will open in Japan a missionary opportunity much greater than exists now."

Miss Mary Louise Pardee, of the national executive council of the Woman's Auxiliary, who followed Bishop Tucker, spoke on "Fellowship in Work."

"The Woman's Auxiliary is not so much an organization as it is a way of living," Miss Pardee said. "Best of all it is a link with the corporate life of the Church."

She urged greater emphasis on educational activities in the auxiliary and expressed the hope that women would make a closer study of the mechanics and the purpose of the Church, its symbolism, altar furnishings, vestments; at the same time she decried the trend toward too much dependence upon auxiliaries for the balancing of parish budgets.

"The custom seems to be," Miss Pardee said, "to find out how much the auxiliary and the Church School are giving and make the balance the parish quota. This 'women and children first' policy should be stopped."

Miss Pardee paid high tribute to the generous manner in which the Women's Auxiliary of the Diocese of Pennsylvania has given to the cause of the Church in the past.

The dinner was opened with prayer by Bishop Taitt, who also pronounced the benediction at the closing of the addresses. Led by the Rev. Frank Damrosch, Jr., rector of St. Paul's Church, Doylestown, the big assemblage sang several hymns with the Rev. William H. C. Loane, rector of the Church of the Incarnation, Drexel Hill, playing the piano accompaniment.

Roland S. Morris, Chancellor of the Diocese and former Ambassador to Japan, presided and introduced the speakers. At the head table were Mrs. Stephen Mahon, national program advisor to the Girls' Friendly Society, who was one of the discussion leaders at the conference; Mr. Loane, Mrs. Edward Ingersoll, Diocesan President of the Woman's Auxiliary; Bishop Tucker, Mrs. George Woodward, Roland S. Morris, Miss Pardee, Mr. Damrosch and Mrs. Thomas L. Harris, Diocesan Educational Secretary.

The dinner was the high point of the two-day educational conference in Holy Trinity Parish House,

JUNIOR WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

The regular monthly executive meeting of the Junior Woman's Auxiliary, held November 2, at 1:15 P. M., in the Church House, was addressed by Mrs. Charles Hunsicker, diocesan devotional chairman of the Woman's Auxiliary. She stressed the value of carefully planned devotions for all our meetings and gave some valuable suggestions for such a program. She urged that the work of the Woman's Auxiliary be made a matter of prayer.

Under the splendid leadership of Miss Marian Brower, as devotional chairman, the Juniors shall attempt to carry forth an inspiring program throughout all branches this year, thus building up one of our greatest weaknesses.

The chairman, Miss Julia Hill, gave a report of the meeting of the Provincial Synod held in Richmond, Va., October 19, 20 and 21. She told of her interesting work in connection with the exhibit committee and reported on the various meetings attended and particularly brought out the fact that the two greatest provincial weaknesses of the Woman's Auxiliary were devotions and the United Thank Offering. The Junior Auxiliary of this diocese was accorded special recognition for its splendid and vast social service work, all done for Episcopal institutions.

At the Monday morning session of the Educational Conference, November 14, the Junior chairman announced that the Junior Woman's Auxiliary would undertake the responsibility of the Volunteer Bureau, formerly under William H. Jefferys. All young women interested in doing volunteer work in clinics and institutions are urged to contact Mrs. Charles La Roche, social service chairman, and she will attempt to place them.

The Junior Auxiliary was very proud of the successful and well attended evening service and meeting in connection with the Educational Conference, Tuesday, November 15, in Holy Trinity Parish House. The Reverend C. E. Snowden, of St. Paul's, Overbrook, led the devotional service. Mrs. Edward Ingersoll, Diocesan President of the Woman's Auxiliary, was introduced and brought a word of greeting. The speaker was Miss Mary T. Pardee, of the National Executive Board of the Woman's Auxiliary, who gave a stirring talk on "Woman's Auxiliary Objectives." She told of the many challenges of Woman's Auxiliary work and of the workings of the National Board.

Holy Trinity Juniors are building their year's work around "The Church in the City." This month they are thinking about housing. In connection with this the group went to see "One Third of a Nation" on November 16. A little later they will take a housing tour.

St. John's, Lansdowne, have promised to fill a Xmas box for Deaconess King in Pierre, South Dakota. They had as their speaker on November 8 the Reverend Olin Lager, Curate at St. John's, who told of his interesting work with the penal institutions of our diocese. He was the second in a series of speakers presented in connection with the year's theme, "Domestic and Foreign Missions."

THE MOTOR CORP

The Motor Corp is a very important part of our Junior Auxiliary program and should be looked upon as such.

The season for work is parallel with our Auxiliary schedule, October to June. With an adequate membership each individual driver is called on only once or twice for a morning or an afternoon and on very rare occasions a full day during this nine-month period.

Aside from the fact that each driver does a good piece of work, which is greatly appreciated, you will undoubtedly find it interesting as well as educational. It takes you places you'd rarely have the opportunity to see otherwise.

If you drive and have the use of a car, won't you join our Motor Corp and take part in a very worth-while undertaking?

Upon receipt of your name we will forward you a membership card and a sticker for your car.

ISABEL LA ROCHE,
Social Service Chairman.

MRS. BURKE CARRIES ON ALASKAN WORK

Mrs. Grafton R. Burke, widow of Dr. Burke, founder and for thirty years director of Hudson Stuck Memorial Hospital, Ft. Yukon, Alaska, visited the Diocese on Wednesday, November 30, and spoke before the Indians' Hope Association in the morning. In the evening she addressed Mrs. John E. Hill's auxiliary group. Mrs. Burke described the work among the Indians in Alaska and told what is needed to carry on. Both meetings were held in Church House.

Mrs. Grafton R. Burke has, since her marriage, been an important factor in the work of the Hudson Stuck Memorial Hospital, founded by her husband, and to which he gave his life for thirty years prior to his death a few weeks ago. Dr. Burke's work as missionary, physician and surgeon, made him a man of international fame, and Mrs. Burke

MRS. GRAFTON R. BURKE

Widow of Dr. Burke, is carrying on in Alaska the work at which she labored at her husband's side for so many years at Hudson Stuck Memorial Hospital, Ft. Yukon

was always closely associated with all of his interests and activities.

When Dr. Burke first went to Alaska in 1908, he met at Allakaket Miss Clara May Heintz, a young nurse who had recently arrived there. They were married in March, 1910, and in addition to the care of her own home and children, Mrs. Burke undertook the care of a houseful of Alaskan waifs, children with no homes or with homes too far off from school, or little patients whose cures were completed at some time when it was impossible to send them away. Through the years her constant occupation was mothering such a brood, in addition to assistance of every kind in the operation of the Hudson Stuck Memorial Hospital, at Fort Yukon.

Mrs. Burke's interests are in Alaska, and few know more of that country than she. Few also are those who know as much of the missionary work carried on by the Episcopal Church in that field, and, pending a decision as to her future, Mrs. Burke carries on with her native energy and devotion, telling about the work, enlisting interest and support in its maintenance and extension. It is a privilege to hear her informal talks to Church groups, and to realize the modest heroism which makes them possible so soon after her bereavement.

The more you know Him, the better you will trust Him; the more you trust Him, the better you will love Him; the more you love Him, the better you will serve Him.

JOHN NEWTON.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S FELLOWSHIP

How Today's Youth in the Diocese Is Building for Tomorrow's Churchmanship

APPROXIMATELY 150 young people, representing fellowships from all six convocations of the diocese, attended the first joint convocation meeting of the Young People's Fellowship in the Diocese of Pennsylvania on Tuesday night, November 15, at the parish house of the Church of St. John the Evangelist, Lansdowne. Lewis Worrall, diocesan president of the fellowship, presided.

Plans of several parish units to distribute baskets of food and toys to unfortunate families at Christmas were announced, and the first of what is hoped will be a flood of toys to be repaired and given to poor children were received at the meeting.

Preliminary details of a subscription contest for THE CHURCH NEWS, to be conducted by the Y. P. F. throughout the diocese, were announced by W. Burton Lord, national representative of the fellowship, who is chairman of the contest. A campaign for subscriptions for THE SPOTLIGHT, the Y. P. F. publication, also is under way.

The Y. P. F. of St. Mark's, Frankford, will make its annual Christmas visit to Home for the Indigent with gifts of candy, tobacco and other articles.

The Service Committee, under the leadership of Horace Eyre, is working on a drive for funds for Episcopal Hospital. The hospital was visited November 12 by about seventy Fellowship members, who came away inspired by the work the institution is doing with money contributed in the diocese. At every Fellowship meeting in the diocese on November 20, a speaker pleaded for increased givings for the hospital. The Service Committee also is co-operating with the City Mission, and in January will visit the James C. Smith Memorial Home for Convalescents. Various Fellowships have promised to aid the committee in raising money to sponsor Sunday dinners at the Home for Consumptives.

The Y. P. F. Training School is in the midst of its second year at Guild House, 2216 Spruce Street. This year's course opened on October 19 and continues for nine consecutive Wednesday evenings. About seventy-five are enrolled in the classes in which they learn how to lead discussions, plan service programs, and successfully create entertainment for their own groups.

The Study Committee has several programs and a shelf of books, free use of which is suggested by the chairman. Books on the organization of the Church and A. B. C. programs are included. This committee also sponsors the Speakers Bureau.

The Worship Committee has asked each Fellowship to sponsor an evening service in its own parish on Sunday, January 15. The annual Devotional Day of the Y. P. F. has been designated as March 4. The place will be announced later.

To help provide funds for carrying on the work of the Diocesan Y. P. F., the annual Fellowship dance will be held at Old York Country Club, Saturday, December 10. Frank McNaul, chairman of the Fellowship Committee, is in charge of the arrangements.

Fellowships from All Saints, Moyamensing; St. Paul's, Chester; Church of the Resurrection, and St. Michael's Chapel, Yeadon, will distribute Christmas food baskets this year. Toys also will be given by the Fellowships of St. Paul's, Chester, and St. Titus', 81st Street and Elmwood Avenue.

The Executive Council of the Diocesan Fellowship has accepted an invitation to attend the December 8 meeting of the Bishop Stevens Missionary Society at the Philadelphia Divinity School to hear Rabbi Fineshriber.

Five representatives of the Y. P. F. of this diocese attended the Provincial Y. P. F. meeting in Pittsburgh November 19 and 20.

The Junior Y. P. F. of the Church of St. Jude and the Nativity, 11th and Mt. Vernon Streets, held a bazaar Friday, December 2, at which articles suitable for Christmas gifts and other merchandise were on sale, including groceries, cakes, candies. Luncheon was served also.

Each Convocation organization of the Fellowship has accepted responsibility for one night a month at Seaman's Church Institute, where some form of entertainment is provided for the seamen there. Magazines are tied into bundles and taken to the Institute to supply the reading tables with fresh material.

BISHOP DEMBY TO SPEAK AT MISSIONARY RALLY IN ST. JAMES'S ON DECEMBER 12

One of the outstanding missionary bishops of the Church will be welcomed in Philadelphia at a significant missionary service in St. James's Church on Monday evening, December 12. He is the Rt. Rev. Edward Thomas Demby, S.T.D., D.D., Litt.D., Suffragan Bishop of Arkansas in charge of work among the colored race in his diocese and in the Province of the Southwest.

Bishop Taitt will make an address of welcome on behalf of the diocese; the Rev. Dr. John C. H. Mockridge, rector, will welcome the visiting bishop for St. James's parish, and Mrs. Edward Ingersoll will greet him for the Woman's Auxiliary of the diocese, of which she is president.

Representative choristers from all colored parishes in the diocese will make up the special choir on this occasion. An invitation is extended to the clergy of the whole diocese to robe and take part in the service.

Bishop Demby will describe the work he is carrying forward in his section of the Church, and the missionary offering taken at the service will be devoted to that work.

Bishop Demby was born in Wilmington, Del., February 13, 1869, and was ordained to the priesthood in 1899 after an excellent preparation for the ministry to which he has devoted thirty-nine years. In addition to his work as a priest, he has had considerable experience in the field of education, having been dean of Paul Quinn College, where he also held a professorship in philosophy and metaphysics.

He is founder and editor of *The Southwest Churchman*; and author of *My Companion*; *The Devotions of the Cross and at the Holy Mass*; *A Bird's Eye View of Exegetical Studies*; *The Writings of SS. Paul and James*; *The Holy Sacrament of the Altar and Penance*, and *The Manual of the Guild of One More Soul.*

MAKING MARRIAGE SAFER BY LAW

By D. WILMOT GATESON, D.D.

WHOLESOME legislation in the interest of sane and healthy marriages is gradually progressing. Largely through the influence of the Church and partly due to a growing and enlightened public opinion in general, "Hasty Marriage Laws" have been adopted in some twenty-one states. Ten states demand five days between the application for a license and its issuance; five states, including Pennsylvania, stipulate three days, and the rest have varied lengths of time.

The purpose of these laws is to do away with ill-considered and unprepared marriages, and to "halt the flood of so-called gin-marriages." Waukegan, Ill., the "Gretna Green" of eloping couples from Chicago and Milwaukee, has a local law specifying that the parties shall be "stone cold sober." Maryland, by an overwhelming referendum vote on November 8, approved a two-day marriage law.

Now a new advance is coming. Connecticut, the strictest of all the states, not only demands a five-day interval, but also a blood test for the detection of social diseases. New York has passed a similarly desirable law. Again with the prompting and support of the Church, and in accordance with a widespread educational program of the medical profession and the United States Public Health Service, two bills are to be brought before the Legislature at Harrisburg.

A bill is ready for introduction in the Pennsylvania Legislature by Senator George Woodward, which provides that "no license to marry shall be issued until there shall be in the possession of the Clerk of the Orphans' Court, to whom application is made, a certificate," signed by a licensed physician, (1) that each of the persons intending to be married has submitted to a physical examination and in the opinion of the physician is not in a stage of disease that may be communicable and (2) that each of said persons has submitted to a standard laboratory blood test and in the opinion of such physician is not infected with a disease that may be communicable.

The tests must be made not more than forty days prior to the issuance of the license and the records of the tests brought with the certificate of application for the license. Representative Corrigan has a somewhat similar bill ready for the House of Representatives. It is not quite so specific as the Senate Bill. No doubt the best features of both will be combined in the final draft.

The desirability of this protection for the parties contracting marriage, for their children, for society in general, is very evident. Those who have read the articles by Dr. John H. Stokes, of the University of Pennsylvania, in the March, 1937, issue of *The Readers Digest*, and the articles and book by Dr. Thomas Parran, Surgeon General of the United States, in the same periodical, will know the seriousness of these diseases.

The time for mawkish embarrassment on this subject is past. Dr. Stokes says, "These diseases rank high, if not actually first, among the causes of death. Untreated or insufficiently treated, they invade the heart and brain, may ravage the nervous system and lay waste the mechanisms of sight and locomotion." This is true, and not only to the sufferer himself, but ghastly true of his children. Therefore, care before marriage is the only thing both on the part of individuals and of the state. Our institutions are crowded with those afflicted with these diseases of their own contraction, or from inheritance or innocent infection.

There need be no hesitance on the part of those applying for licenses to marry to submit to these tests. It is by no means necessarily a reflection on their characters. Twenty-five cases out of a hundred, it is held, are innocently contracted, and, whether contracted innocently or guiltily, the patient himself, as well as the fiancee *ought to want to know the truth* for his own protection as well as for the protection of the innocent, living and yet unborn.

These diseases can be cured, if taken early enough and persistently treated. It is very important that these bills be not weakened by deletions or changes. They are carefully drawn and have the approval of eminent authorities in medicine.

As soon as this prophylactic measure becomes customary, it will cause no embarrassment and will be submitted to readily and gladly. Those who fear or know they have disease will naturally postpone engagements until they are able to procure their certificates of freedom from disease.

The cost of the tests is negligible. The desirability is inestimable. An enormous load will be cleared off the body politic by this hygienic method. The health and happiness and prosperity of the future is due partly to eugenics.

It is hoped that all good citizens will demand of their representatives that they support this legislation. We want our State of Pennsylvania to stand in the forefront.

REV. A. W. EASTBURN MARKS ANNIVERSARY

St. Barnabas' Church, Kensington, celebrated the tenth anniversary of the rectorship of the Rev. Albert W. Eastburn on Advent Sunday, November 27. Mr. Eastburn's ministry at St. Barnabas' has been marked by widely publicized activity, particularly since the densely populated Northeastern section of the city was stricken by the depression that crippled the textile industry centered there.

Beginning back in 1930, with the help of the Diocesan Committee of the Woman's Auxiliary and a splendid group of workers from various congregations, he fed daily large numbers of mothers and children over a period of four years, until Governmental relief had begun to function well enough to obviate the need.

In 1933, with the help of University of Pennsylvania economists, he organized the Emergency Exchange Association, which enabled hundreds of jobless to earn a living by bartering labor and the products of their toil for food, clothing and other necessities.

In spite of the tremendous demands made upon his time and himself by these activities, he has not neglected his ministry at St. Barnabas', nor at St. Bartholomew's Mission, 25th Street and Lehigh Avenue, which also is under his charge.

Mr. Eastburn also has been active in the Toc H. Society here and for three years was Padre of the national society in the United States. He organized and led the Northeast chapter in this city.

Born in England in 1888, Mr. Eastburn received his early education in Halifax. He attended evening classes at Temple University and took his seminary work at Philadelphia Divinity School. He was ordained to the diaconate in 1926 and to the priesthood in 1928 by Bishop Garland. Before going to St. Barnabas' he was curate at Gloria Dei (Old Swedes') Church.

NEWS OF THE GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY

CHRISTMAS for the Girls' Friendly Society brings each year certain activities which return with the regularity of the traditional Christmas turkey. The holiday would not be complete for the membership unless they spent many busy evenings preparing in advance gifts for the men of the sea, who will spend Christmas day at the Seamen's Church Institute; gifts for the sick and afflicted at the Philadelphia General and Byberry Hospitals, and many overflowing baskets for the parish needy.

This year, as usual, knitted scarfs, socks and wristlets, together with a generous supply of canned goods and groceries for the Seamen's Church Institute will be on display at the home of Miss M. Atherton Leach, 2118 Spruce Street, on Friday and Saturday afternoons, December 16 and 17, from 3 until 6 o'clock. A cordial invitation is always extended by the hostess to all interested in the work for seamen to come and enjoy a cup of tea at her home, and to see the interesting display of gifts.

The Social Service Committee of the Diocesan Girls' Friendly Society will sponsor, as usual, the Christmas joy for the sick at the Philadelphia General Hospital by sending gayly decorated individual boxes, filled with small personal necessities such as toilet articles, playing cards and cigarettes to the patients. To the children at Byberry go filled stockings and educational toys. The gifts to the Philadelphia General Hospital are made in co-operation with the Elizabeth Price Martin League.

The Diocesan Choir again will have an hour of Christmas carols on Sunday evening, December 18, at 8 o'clock at Calvary Church, Germantown. The Choir, under the direction of Uselma Clark Smith, will sing a number of carols, both familiar and unusual. There will be a brief service in connection with the music, and it is hoped that many friends will find time to enjoy this quiet evening of music in preparation for the busy week ahead of them.

Christmas cards of many amazing varieties and individual beauty are again being sold for the benefit of the G. F. S. Diocesan Treasury, under the direction of Mrs. Alfred Rigling. These cards are on display at the G. F. S. Headquarters in the Church House, and may be seen to special advantage on Wednesdays, when through the courtesy of the Woman's Auxiliary, cards are displayed at the weekly meetings of the various Auxiliary committees. Mrs. Rigling will be happy to make to make special appointments with anyone who may wish to buy the cards in quantity.

The Diocesan President, Mrs. Percy G. Hall, announces the appointment of Mrs. A. Clyde Schock as chairman of publicity for the G. F. S. in this Diocese. Miss Clare Bramwell, of St. Luke's, Germantown, will continue as editor of the monthly *Bulletin*, and all publicity work for the Society will be developed under the direction of a committee soon to be formed.

Attention is called to the wider use of Room 42 in the Church House as Friendly headquarters. This room was mostly attractively refurnished last Spring and is open at all times for the use of G. F. S. members and their friends. Special office hours are kept daily (except Saturday) from 11 to 1 o'clock, and the Diocesan Secretary, Mrs. William W. Cardwell, is also in the office on Tuesday afternoons from 4:30 until 6:30. These later hours give opportunity for associates and members who may be in town to call at the headquarters for consultation and materials. A "book shelf" in this room is a new venture. Already a fairly varied collection of resource material for Branch programs is available on this shelf, and additions will be made from time to time. Arrangements for the use of these books can be made through Mrs. Cardwell or Mrs. Sasse, II, chairman of membership.

A Leadership Training Class for G. F. S. workers, under the direction of Mrs. James C. Charlton, Field Secretary, will meet for organization at 8 o'clock on Wednesday, December 14, in Room 42, at Church House, 202 South 19th Street. The Rev. Benjamin F. Priest, associate rector of St. James's Church, will speak on "Obligations of Leadership," and a discussion on organization will follow. Any Branch leaders now in the work and associates and members willing to assume leadership will be welcome to this class, the regular sessions of which will begin after the new year. All who may be interested in joining, however, are urged to attend the first meeting on December 14.

Mrs. Hall or Mrs. Sasse, II, will be happy to confer with any of the clergy who may be interested in organizing a new G. F. S. group, or who have questions concerning one already established. This training class will give practical up-to-date help for both prospective and present leaders and will endeavor, as far as is possible, to find temporary leaders for groups where parish leadership may not be now available.

WHAT THE ORGANIZATIONS ARE DOING

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being back where she could speak her own native language, made this remark: "If it had not been for the Church Periodical Club, I would have spent many a lonely hour." This is one of the reasons why the C. P. C. does and should "carry on."

These missionaries, who go forth to domestic and foreign fields to do the Church's work, should be provided with the proper tools to do that work; important factors in their work are Church papers, books, magazines, Christmas and Easter cards and other good reading material.

A call has come from St. Philip's Junior College, San Antonio, Tex., for a quantity of new and up-to-date text books as well as good fiction which are required by the Government to keep the college up to standard. A list of the books needed will be sent to our Diocesan office so that care may be used in procuring them.

Eleven years ago the Church Periodical Club of the Diocese of Pennsylvania had a large part in furnishing books for St. Philip's Junior College, but as time passes books wear out and become obsolete, and renewals are necessary.

It is earnestly hoped that the Pennsylvania C. P. C. may be able to do its part in this work.

MARY M. H. ONYX.

RABBI TO ADDRESS DIVINITY STUDENTS

As a member of the National Conference of Protestants, Catholics and Jews, Rabbi William H. Fineshriber, D.D., of the Reform Congregation Beth Israel, one of the outstanding Jewish leaders of this generation, is scheduled to address the December 8 meeting of the Bishop Stevens Missionary Society.

The meeting will be held in the William Bacon Stevens Library at the school, 42d and Locust Streets. Albert F. Greene, president of the society, will be in charge of the meeting, which opens at 8 P. M.

DAVID E. WILLIAMS GOES TO HIS REST

"Uncle Dave" is dead.

Throughout the Diocese he was loved for his warm friendliness, his whole-souled kindliness, his wit and geniality. Business men admired his acumen and respected his judgment.

He was not only a Churchman, he was a Christian, too.

He was "Uncle Dave."

Formally named David E. Williams, he was the son of Thomas Williams, Jr., and Elizabeth Good Williams. He was born in 1852.

He was already well established in business when he met with a group of men at the home of his brother-in-law, George B. Roberts, in Bala, in the fall of 1887 to discuss the forming of a new parish in that community. On May 8, 1888, the newly organized St. Asaph's laid its cornerstone and young Dave Williams was on the roll as clerk of that first vestry. He was secretary of the vestry until 1928.

Later he became accounting warden and on April 5, 1915, the Rev. Harrison B. Wright appointed him rector's warden, a post he filled until his death on November 14.

Others who served on that first vestry were Jacob L. Stadelman, R. Francis Wood, Joseph R. Rhoads, John S. Gerhard, Percival Roberts, Robert Denison, George D. Crawford, and George B. Roberts, who was first rector's warden.

On December 20, 1937, the vestry of St. Asaph's passed a resolution enumerating some of the ways in which the life of the parish had been enriched by his activities and his spirit. The resolution was engrossed and personally presented to him at his home, Overleigh, St. Asaph Road and Conshohocken Avenue, Bala, by the vestry and the rector, the Rev. Richard T. Lyford.

So closely had he been identified with the interests of the parish, said the resolution, that throughout the Diocese, whenever the name of St. Asaph's was mentioned, "Uncle Dave" suggested itself.

His friendly spirit made newcomers feel welcome within St. Asaph's doors, and, thanks to his sagacious judgment the parish endowments have been so firmly based that depressions have not impaired them.

Through many years he set aside every Saturday morning for a conference with the rector on parish matters, functioning in the truest sense as rector's warden. His regular attendance at services regardless of weather, even at his advanced age, put many younger and hardier members of the congregation to shame.

But his interest in and love for the church was not limited by parish boundaries. For many years he never missed a meeting of the Diocesan Convention. The Convocation of Chester, too, benefited by his devotion, and he was probably the most loved man at its meetings. His speeches of thanks to the ladies for their hospitality at those meetings became traditional and were anticipated with the keenest pleasure by the delegates.

"UNCLE DAVE" WILLIAMS

Vestryman at St. Asaph's from its founding in 1888 until his death, November 14, more than fifty continuous years of service.

Secretary of the vestry until 1928.

Accounting warden for many years.

Rector's warden since 1915.

His geniality, his wit, his high sense of duty in the affairs of the Church, and his genuine love for people of all sorts endeared him to hundreds whose names he never knew.

In his business life he was head of David E. Williams and Company, coal brokers, which he founded in 1882. He retired from active participation in its affairs before the World War, leaving its management to his nephew, G. Brinton Roberts. He held directorships in numerous other corporations, among which was the West Jersey and Seashore Railroad. He also had served as president of the City Institute and the Free Library.

He was a member of the Union League, Rittenhouse, Merion Cricket and University Clubs.

His wife, the former Mary V. Merrick, and four children survive him. The children are David E. Williams, Jr., of Ardmore; Mrs. Clarence C. Brinton, Germantown; Mrs. C. Alison Scully, Scarsdale, N. Y., and Mrs. Johns Hopkins, Wynnewood.

After funeral services in St. Asaph's Church on Friday, November 25, he was laid to rest in the churchyard he loved.

Bishop Taitt has often said, "the influence of a good life grows in ever-widening circles, like the ripples caused by a stone thrown in the sea."

Thus will the spirit of "Uncle Dave" continue to wield its happy influence long after his acts themselves are forgotten.

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MRS. JOHN W. TOWNSEND, JR.

Mrs. John W. Townsend, Jr., for several years treasurer of the United Thank Offering in the parish of the Good Shepherd, Rosemont, and former treasurer of the Woman's Auxiliary in the same parish, died Monday, November 14, at her home, 825 Montgomery Avenue, Bryn Mawr, after an illness of two months. She was 51.

For many years Mrs. Townsend had been keenly interested in the work of the Church and translated her interest into activity, mainly through the Woman's Auxiliary and the United Thank Offering.

Born in Buffalo, Mrs. Townsend was the former Mildred Perkins. She attended St. Mary's School, Garden City, N. Y., and in 1912 was married to Mr. Townsend, who survives her with their two sons and two daughters; her mother, Mrs. Thomas G. Perkins, and a sister, Mrs. Charles Goodyear, both of Buffalo.

The influence of Mrs. Townsend's lively Christian faith and fellowship will be greatly missed by the Church and by those who were privileged to be associated with her in the work of the Church and its organizations.

REV. GEORGE H. DENNISON

The Rev. George Herbert Dennison, for 45 years a priest of the Episcopal Church, died Friday, November 11, at his home, 157 East Walnut Lane, Germantown, after an illness of four years. He was in his 70th year.

Father Dennison retired four years ago because of failing health after forty-one years in the ministry. He

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CHURCHES MOBILIZING FOR 1939

By JOHN KNIGHT SHRYOCK, Ph.D.

ABOUT 800,000 nominal Protestants in the city of Philadelphia are not connected with any church. To meet this situation, the Philadelphia Federation of Churches plans an evangelistic effort during the coming year. Recognizing that each communion has its own method of work, the Committee on Evangelism of the Federation, headed by Dr. Walter B. Greenway, President of Beaver College, has suggested a flexible plan of Pastoral and Congregational Evangelism, which may be adopted as a whole or in part by any denomination or parish.

The plan stresses the personal preparation of the pastor, including the widening of his vision to realize the problem of the unchurched, a restudy of the Bible, intercessory prayer, and a course of study in modern works on evangelism. The officials and the people of individual parishes are also to be carefully prepared, not only in organization, but by prayer. Of special interest is the planned use of the Sunday Schools and young people's organizations as evangelistic agencies, and the training of their members. The unchurched themselves are to be prepared by visitation, literature, and personal letters.

"But the supreme preparation is that of the Holy Spirit. Great revivals in the past have come upon the discovery of a new or a neglected truth. There can be no doubt but that this day of ours will respond enthusiastically to a proper emphasis upon the Christian truths which in the providence of God were so greatly blessed in former days," Dr. Greenway declared.

On September 15 one of the largest interdenominational clergy gatherings ever held met at Beaver College for a retreat. The Episcopal Church was well represented, and the speakers included a member of its clergy. Three hundred ministers present unanimously endorsed the plan presented by Dr. Greenway's committee.

In order to bring the matter before the lay leaders of the churches, conferences are being held in thirty different areas of Philadelphia and its vicinity. To these conferences the rectors, vestries, superintendents of Sunday Schools, officers of women's organizations, and young people's groups of our parishes will be invited. In each conference, the plan will be considered, and the meeting will close with an inspirational address.

Two pamphlets have been issued by the Federation, "A Program of Pastoral and Congregational Evangelism" and a "Manual of Personal and Pastoral Evangelism." These may be secured at the offices of the Federation in the Land Title Building. The widespread interest in the plan is shown by requests and inquiries from Washington, D. C., Nebraska, Kansas, Tennessee, Florida, Minnesota and even from Canada.

There is no question of the need for such an effort. Philadelphia is the greatest Protestant city in the United States. Yet, increasingly, Protestantism has come to mean little except that a man dislikes Roman Catholics and Jews, and expects a Protestant minister to bury him, usually without compensation. It is staggering to realize that there are about 800,000 nominal Protestants in this city who do not belong to any church, and who seldom, if ever, attend services. It is equally hard to realize how little effort the Church is making to reach these people.

The Episcopal Church is not committed to any formal plan or union undertaking. The makers of the plan recognize that this evangelization is not a matter of great meetings, but is the concern of individual parishes. No parish is in any way obligated to adopt the plan, or any particular feature of it.

But it is hoped that many parishes of our Church will take advantage of this opportunity to learn from their Protestant neighbors, and to co-operate with them in an undertaking which need arouse no dispute. Each parish faces a different problem, but there are few which do not bear some responsibility for the unchurched, and there are few which could not profitably learn from some feature of this comprehensive plan.

While this work must be directed by the clergy, the plan puts the responsibility for direct personal evangelism on the laity, where it belongs. We are familiar with the jest that in the Episcopal Church, neither politics nor religion is discussed. Until the laity of our communion feel a personal responsibility for evangelism and the spread of the Gospel, our Church will not fill its proper place in the Church Militant.

DAILY ADVENT SERVICES OPEN AT ST. STEPHEN'S

Daily Advent services were inaugurated in St. Stephen's Church, 10th Street above Chestnut, on Monday, November 28, with the Rev. Dr. Joseph Fort Newton, rector of St. Luke and the Epiphany, as the first preacher. The services open at 12:30 P. M. and end at 12:55 P. M., Monday to Friday, inclusive.

The Philadelphia Federation of Churches, which is sponsoring the movement, hopes Philadelphians will find the services of sufficient help in reviving the true spirit of Christmas to warrant their continuance in years to come.

Other speakers in the order of their appearance on the schedule are: Rev. Dr. H. F. Baughman, Trinity Lutheran; Rev. Dr. William Miller, Jr., Tabernacle Lutheran; Rev. Dr. Ralph Sockman, Christ M. E., New York; Rev. Dr. Dewees F. Singley, Mt. Hermon Reformed; Rev. Dr. Robert C. Wells, president, Philadelphia Federation of Churches; Rt. Rev. Francis M. Taitt, Bishop of Pennsylvania; Rev. Dr. Rex S. Clements, Bryn Mawr Presbyterian; Rev. Dr. Ivan Murray Rose, First Baptist; Rev. Dr. Calvin P. Swank, superintendent of missions, Eastern Pennsylvania Lutheran Synod; Rev. Dr. L. R. Free, Boulevard United Presbyterian; Rev. Dr. Vincent C. Franks, St. Stephen's; Rev. Dr. Charles E. Schaeffer, general secretary, Reformed Church Board of Home Missions in the U. S.; Rev. Dr. F. A. Oswald, Belfield Avenue Evangelical; Rev. Dr. Burleigh Cruikshank, St. Paul's Presbyterian; Rev. Dr. Henry Trotter, St. Paul's Reformed Episcopal; Rev. Herbert W. Jones, St. Stephen's; Rev. Dr. Galloway Tyson, district superintendent, M. E. Church; and Rev. Dr. E. A. E. Palmquist, executive secretary, Philadelphia Federation of Churches.

The work of sanctification through the indwelling Spirit of God is a work of growth and it consists of a growing purification of worldly desires and aims and methods as well as persistent struggle of the moral and spiritual part of his nature for predominance. All of the while, be it noted, the believer is becoming a more effective influence and force for righteousness. As the Holy Spirit attains fuller possession of the soul, so does the consecrated personality become more luminous with the glow of God-likeness.

HALE AMOS.

NEWS OF INDIANS' HOPE ASSOCIATION

The dying out of the old tribal arts of the talented Sioux Indians, a proud and courageous people who want to provide by their own efforts a decent livelihood for their children, is seen unless a readier market for their handiwork opens soon.

To prevent such an "American tragedy" Mrs. David W. Clark, wife of the Rev. David W. Clark, of the Crow Creek Reservation mission station, is bending every effort to open the door for their products and is calling forth all of their creativeness in the crafts of their forefathers.

Both she and her husband are doing a splendid job in combatting the discouragement the Sioux have faced in addition to hunger and sickness. Through Mrs. Clark's efforts there is evident a widening interest in the articles the Indians are making.

Mrs. Clark's work and its results were described by Laurence Lindley, of the Indian Rights Association at the Indians' Hope Association meeting in October. He also told of one woman who came to a special Indian meeting "on her turtles," the sale of which enabled her to attend the convention.

The backs of the turtles are made of tiny vari-colored beads; feet and heads and tails are of soft brown leather. They make attractive ornaments to be worn at the neck of a sports dress or on the lapel of a tweed jacket.

Christmas is approaching and things to put in those stockings over the fireplace will be wanted. And among the articles made by the Indians are all sorts of things that both children and grownups would be happy to find in their stockings on Christmas morning. They may be purchased for small sums.

The articles include beautifully beaded wristbands that may be attached to the full-gathered cuffs of a soft blouse, or worn separately as bracelets; tiny moccasins that may be worn on the lapel or on a sports hat; leather key cases, one with a little tepee of beads on it; and other things, all gay, attractive, useful and unusual.

Mrs. Walker has them on display at the Supply Shop. And they are available for any Woman's Auxiliary that desires to conduct a sale in its own parish. A commission is paid to the treasuries of the auxiliaries conducting such sales.

Each article sold helps not only to support an Indian family, but to preserve a traditional Indian art that might otherwise be lost forever.

Other acceptable Christmas gifts are to be found among the beautiful embroidered linens made by Oneida Indian women in Wisconsin. The money paid for it will help the Oneida women to carry on and bring them joy at Christmas time.

A 200-mile trip to sing at the dinner of the Northwest Synod at Sioux Falls was taken by the glee club of St. Mary's School, Springfield, S. D. The dozen Indian girls comprising the group were winners of third prize in a statewide contest for glee clubs earlier in the year.

The Rev. Neville Joiner recently celebrated his thirtieth anniversary on the Pine Ridge Reservation among the Ogala Sioux. Working there with him is Sister Annie Horner, well known in this diocese, who is doing much to help the young people in gatherings in the Community Room, which contains the library.

A notice in the *South Dakota Churchman* indicates need of clothing for girls at St. Mary's School, Springfield, and subscriptions to magazines. Mrs. Stuart Frazier, on the Cheyenne River Reservation at Cheyenne Agency, needs quilt pieces. Deaconess King, at Ft. Pierre, needs games, toys and cards to distribute among the Indian children in hospitals there.

The Rev. and Mrs. Cyril C. Rouillard, of Little Eagle, Standing Rock Reservation, who were in the Drama of Missions here last year, report the arrival of a little daughter.

Mrs. Annie Lambert, widow of the Rev. Baptiste Lambert, an Indian priest on the Rosebud Reservation for many years, died last summer. A devoted member of the Woman's Auxiliary, she usually acted as interpreter for the bishop and the archdeacon at the presentation of the annual offerings of the women.

Sister Isaacs, whom the Indians' Hope Association supports on the Cheyenne Reservation, is continuing her good work. Now she is helping the Rev. Stuart D. Frazier, superintending presbyter, to carry on an increasingly large program of religious education among the Indian children on that reservation, to whom she also supplies books and other good literature.

DEACONESS URGES RETIRING FUND AID HERE

At the recent anniversary observance of a deaconess the preacher spoke by request on "The Order of Deaconesses," a subject which, acording to Deaconess Jean W. Colesberry, had not been brought before a congregation in this diocese in many years.

Deaconess Colesberry, a member of the board of directors of the National Retiring Fund for Deaconesses, believes that if the work of the deaconesses of the Church were described more fully and more frequently, more young women would hear the call and, after due training, be set apart as deaconesses.

At the service mentioned, the collection, swelled by a few large gifts to $264, was given to the Philadelphia Retiring Fund for Deaconesses.

In a plea for support of the local fund, Deaconess Colesberry said:

"There are many active deaconesses in city and rural parishes, as well as in domestic and foreign fields and institutions. Those who have worked faithfully for many years often find themselves facing old age with inadequate incomes.

"The retiring fund at present can yield only $2 to $3 a week for each annuitant. To a deaconess who has no home, that sum is certainly not sufficient.

"If churches would devote one collection a year to this object, it would be a welcome addition to the fund, even though the offering were no more than $10."

CATHEDRAL NOTES

Now that the added length of the new bay in the Cathedral Church of Christ provides greater seating space, the danger of overcrowding is lessened, and the generous gift of new kneeling pads adds greatly to physical comfort during worship.

The beautiful Memorial Chapel of St. Michael is nearing completion and it is hoped soon to have several new views of that and other parts of the Cathedral ready for general distribution. "See Your Own Cathedral First" should become a diocesan slogan.

Announcement will be made early this month of an "Evening with Cathedrals," with an interesting and informative lecture illustrated with views of the great cathedrals in England and America. This will be held at Church House, 202 South 19th Street. Watch for the date.

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CHURCH SCHOOL THROUGH THE MAIL

For two years there has been conducted in this diocese a Church School by Mail, aimed to reach those who, because of physical incapacity, distance from the church, or other reason, cannot get to a regular Church School in person. Miss Dorothy Kohl, of Glenside, who is conducting the Church School by Mail, has prepared, in question and answer form, a comprehensive exposition of its work. It is well worth the reading.

What Is the Church School by Mail?

The Church School by Mail is a regular, up-to-date, graded school with Cradle Roll, Beginners', Primary, Junior, and Senior Departments.

Who May Use the Church School by Mail?

The Church School by Mail has been organized for the use of each rural rector, or missionary, who wishes to use it as a department of his own Church School, for all those children who live too far away, or for lack of transportation, handicap, or any other reason, are deprived of weekly instruction in the regular parish Church School. It is also for the use of city clergymen and laymen who have shut-in children in their parishes to whom they would like appropriate Church School instruction and friendly letters sent.

What Is Required for Enrollment in the Church School by Mail?

The name and age of the child, and, wherever possible, the grade in school to which he belongs, his address, and names of his parents, and other interesting facts about his background are all the requirements to enroll a child.

To Whom Should the Names of Children Be Sent?

The names of the children should be sent to the Department of Religious Education, Room 30, Church House, 202 S. 19th Street, Philadelphia.

What Is the Age Limit in the Church School by Mail?

Whereas the Church School by Mail has all the required departments, there is no age limit. At the present time the ages of the members range from 1 to 21 years.

What Do Members of the Church School by Mail Receive?

Lessons for each Sunday are sent monthly with personal letters and instructions, together with question sheets which are returned, marked, and sent back to the child. A stamped envelope and paper are enclosed with each set of lessons. The lessons consist of printed leaflets, or typewritten lesson papers, according to the grade to which the child belongs; pictures, scrapbooks, folders, and other handwork materials. They include Bible readings, stories, prayers for daily use, and memory work. In addition to the regular lessons the seasonal children's Forwards, Senior's Forwards, and other printed material, such as Lenten prayers, stories, services, and family services are sent. Christmas and Easter cards are mailed to them, and correspondence between members of the school is encouraged. Bibles and Prayer Books are sent to those who have none. Christmas gifts are also sent to them.

Do Members of the Church School by Mail Respond?

For the last year the members have responded 100 per cent. All the question sheets have been returned regularly each month, often accompanied by personal letters from mothers and children. These question sheets tell whether they have done the required work, such as story reading, or Bible reading, memory work, daily devotions, etc., and in nearly every case the answers have been all "yes." They have been earnest in learning memory work, and fervent in their prayers. The Juniors have expressed joy in their hand-work, while the Seniors, by their thoughtful answers to questions, show that they have studied.

How Many Are Enrolled in the Church School by Mail and What Parishes Are Using It?

At the present time, the Church School by Mail is being used by Advent, Kennett Square; Emmanuel, Quakertown; St. James, Perkiomen; Messiah, Gwynedd, and Christ Church, Eddington. The enrollment is 39.

How Old Is the Church School by Mail and How Did It Start?

The Church School by Mail is beginning its third year. It was founded by the leader of the Church League of Intercessors, Mrs. Charles Biddle, Sr., who carried it on for two years. This year it has been taken over by the Department of Religious Education, Diocese of Pennsylvania. It is still being helped in many ways by the League of Intercessors, and the Junior and Senior Women's Auxiliaries.

Is the Church School by Mail Appreciated by the People Using It?

Following are extracts from letters which show how greatly these people appreciate having the Church brought to them.

One mother of eight children writes: "It certainly is very nice to have church at home. There are many evenings during the week that we all sit in the parlor and have our Sunday School readings before the little ones go to bed. Very many thanks for the most wonderful Christmas presents you so kindly sent the children. I only wish you could have seen the happiness they brought them."

Another mother of eight children writes: "Sam is very pleased with his Bible and thanks a lot for it. We received the Church School lessons, and thank you very much. Even though I have only received two letters from you, I feel that I have known you for years, and am writing as though you are a friend of long standing."

A ten-year-old girl writes: "I love the lessons you sent, especially the story about Jesus. I like them so much I could read them over and over again. When the children come down to play I read my lessons to them. They like them very much."

From an elderly woman with whom a ten-year-old girl lives: "Just a few lines to let you know how Jacqueline loves her lessons. She takes such an interest in them. She told me tonight that if all her school lessons were Bible stories it would be a good deal better than her everyday lessons."

A fifteen-year-old girl writes: "I love the lessons you sent me this month, especially the little Christmas book with the wonderful creche of all nations. Mother and I enjoy reading your letters. We both get so much good out of them, and feel so much better and happier after reading them."

A sixteen-year-old boy writes: "Received your letter and Bible and sure was glad for it. I want to thank you very much for it. I want to give my best wishes to you and all the other members of the Church School by Mail."

Deaf mutes, mother and father, who are three miles from any neighbors, up a stony road where nobody goes, write: "Thank you for your kindness of the gifts for our kiddies."

Another fifteen-year-old boy writes: "I am enclosing the seven questions which you asked me to do. I like my work very much."

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At this time our thoughts are centered on bringing Christmas cheer to those less fortunate than ourselves, with a small gift or remembrance, to open the windows of Heaven to some one away from home and stricken with illness.

The doctors and nurses at Philadelphia General Hospital make Christmas a happy occasion, despite suffering and pain.

Our unit is always assigned certain wards. Last year we made 750 patients happy with gifts donated by our many friends throughout the diocese. The packages were wrapped as Christmas gifts and contained four or five useful articles, such as wash cloths, soap, talcum powder, pads of writing paper, pencils, a few stamped envelopes or postals, safety pins, etc.

This year we need the same splendid co-operation plus new interest.

There has been a special request from the hospital for Kleenex or other tissue to be included. We welcome this suggestion as we all know from experience what a blessing tissues are.

Please mark packages "Man" or "Woman," and it would be a wonderful help if a list were sent with each package. It would help us to send similar packages to the various wards.

The men in the Nervous and Tubercular Wards look forward to receiving cigarettes, smoking tobacco and pipes. It has been one of our fond hopes each year that men throughout the diocese might become interested in this phase of our Christmas work and help us. Can you interest at least one?

Another request came for 300 small tin boxes about 12 inches long and 6 inches wide and high to be used on the bedside tables. They are more sanitary than bags. In the boxes the patient can keep their small personal belongings. We shall buy these at a wholesale price, and would welcome donations of money from individuals or church groups to help defray the expense.

Each mother and child in the Maternity Ward receives a gift in memory of the Christ Child who brought us such a wealth of joy and love as God's great gift to man.

The next meeting of the League will be held at Miss Fleischman's, 4827 Cedar Avenue, Wednesday afternoon, December 21. This is the time when we pack and assemble the gifts for the hospital. It is an interesting, gripping experience. Come and help.

Please see that all donations reach Miss Fleischman not later than December 17.

MATILDA P. FOX,
Chairman.

CATHEDRAL NOTES

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Stiles Memorial House on the Cathedral grounds is at the service of any Church organization for group meetings, and every Thursday is kept as an "at home" day for the convenience of visitors. The telephone is listed under Cathedral House, Roxborough 1306-J.

The children of the Northern Home will sing at the 9 o'clock service on Christmas morning, as they did last year. Their clear young voices add much to the beauty of an already beautiful service.

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ARMISTICE OBSERVED IN MANY CHURCHES

Peace was the subject of sermons and addresses in many of the churches in the diocese on the Sundays next before and after Armistice Day.

More than 1,400 attended the Churching of the Colors in St. Mark's Church, Frankford, the afternoon of Sunday, November 13, at which Rear Admiral Reginald R. Belknap, U. S. N. (Retired), former national commander of the Military Order of the World War, was the speaker.

Music was provided by the St. Cecelia, St. Dunstan and Senior choirs of St. Mark's and the service was conducted by the Rev. Edmund H. Carhart, the rector, a former member of the Chaplains' Corps, U. S. Navy.

Others who took part in the service were the Rev. John Norris, rector of St. Luke's, Bustleton, and chaplain of Frankford Post, American Legion, which sponsored the service; the Rev. Dr. Edward M. Jefferys, rector emeritus of St. Peter's Church; the Rev. I. E. Brooks, chaplain of Holmesburg Post, American Legion; the Rev. Percy G. Hall, chaplain of the 103d Field Artillery, Pennsylvania National Guard, and the Rev. Arthur F. Gibson, rector of Christ Church, Eddington.

Among other churches that held services in commemoration of the twentieth anniversary of the Armistice and organizations taking part were:

Christ Church and St. Michael's, Germantown, Henry H. Houston, 2d, Post, American Legion; Bishop Whitaker Memorial Church of St. Barnabas, West Philadelphia, Russell C. Gross Post, American Legion; Washington Memorial Chapel, Valley Forge, Masonic groups and the 316th Infantry; St. Luke and the Epiphany, 13th Street below Spruce.

TRAVEL MOVIES

The other day Miss Edith A. Miller dropped in at THE CHURCH NEWS office and told us that she had a large stock of 16-millimeter films, some with sound and some without, on a wide variety of subjects, available to Church Schools, Woman's Auxiliaries, Men's Clubs, and other Church organizations who have the necessary equipment for their projection and someone to operate it. Subjects include toy-making, glass-blowing, skiing, mountain climbing, manufacture of steel, the Passion Play at Oberammergau, and travel films made in several countries. Miss Miller is always happy to accompany the films and relate her interesting experiences in the various countries. She may be reached at Admiral Travel Service, 1410-12 North American Building, 117 South Broad Street, Philadelphia, or by calling Pennypacker 2623.

CHURCH SCHOOL GROUP ELECTS NEW OFFICERS

Discussion of plans for the mid-Winter meeting and election of officers for the coming year marked the meeting of the Church School Teachers' Association of the Convocation of Germantown on November 15 at St. Luke's Church, Germantown.

The new officers are Joseph Summer, president; Miss Helen McHenry, treasurer; Miss Dorothy Sullivan, recording secretary, and Miss Marjorie Carr, corresponding secretary.

Mr. Summer, who was treasurer of the association for several years, is a member of St. Timothy's, Roxborough, and Miss McHenry has charge of religious education at the Memorial Church of the Good Shepherd, Germantown. Miss Sullivan is from St. Gabriel's, and Miss Carr from St. Luke's, Germantown.

The mid-Winter meeting of the association will be held February 6 at Christ Church and St. Michael's, Greene and Tulpehocken Streets. A large exhibit of Church School materials for Lenten programs will be on view from 5:30 P. M. Supper will be served at 6:30 P. M. and will be followed by a short devotional service. The speaker for the occasion has not yet been chosen.

"Education and religion should be so interwoven that each becomes a part of the other."

CONFIRMATIONS SCHEDULED FOR DECEMBER-JANUARY

Dec. 1—Thursday
Evg.—Phila., St. Barnabas, Germantown (Bishop Demby).
Dec. 4—Second Sunday in Advent
A. M.—Ardmore, St. George, Oakmont.
P. M.—Phila., St. Luke, Germantown.
Evg.—Phila., St. Ambrose.
Dec. 7—Wednesday
Evg.—Phila., St. Luke, Bustleton.
Dec. 8—Thursday
Evg.—Phila., St. Alban, Olney.
Dec. 11—Third Sunday in Advent
A. M.—Phila., Calvary, Germantown.
P. M.—Phila., All Saints, Crescentville.
Evg.—Phila., St. John Free.
Dec. 15—Thursday
Evg.—Phila., St. Christopher Mission.
Dec. 18—Fourth Sunday in Advent
A. M.—Phila., St. Peter, Germantown.
P. M.—Phila., All Souls.
Evg.—Phila., Emmanuel, Kensington.
Dec. 22—Thursday
Evg.—Oaks, St. Paul.
Jan. 1—The Circumcision (Sunday after Christmas)
Evg.—Phila., St. Matthew, Francisville.
Jan. 4—Wednesday
Evg.—Phila., Christ, Franklinville.
Jan. 5—Thursday
Evg.—Phila., Nativity Chapel, Germantown.
Jan. 8—First Sunday after Epiphany
A. M.—Phila., Epiphany, Germantown.
P. M.—Phila., Messiah.
Evg.—Phila., Holy Innocents, Tacony.
Jan. 10—Tuesday
P. M.—Phila., Home of the Merciful Saviour.
Evg.—Phila., St. Augustine.
Jan. 11—Wednesday
Evg.—Andalusia, Redeemer.
Jan. 15—Second Sunday after Epiphany
A. M.—Phila., Good Shepherd, Germantown.
P. M.—Phila., Resurrection, Mayfair.
Evg.—Phila., St. Gabriel.
Jan. 17—Tuesday
Evg.—Phila., St. Michael and All Angels.
Jan. 19—Thursday
Evg.—Phila., St. George, Venango.
Jan. 22—Third Sunday after Epiphany.
A. M.—Phila., St. Martin, Chestnut Hill.
P. M.—Phila., St. James the Less.
Evg.—Phila., St. Timothy, Roxborough.
Jan. 24—Tuesday
Evg.—Phila., St. Luke, Kensington.
Jan. 25—Conversion of St. Paul (Wednesday)
Evg.—Phila., St. George, Richmond.
Jan. 29—Fourth Sunday after Epiphany
A. M.—Phila., Christ and St. Michael.
P. M.—Phila., St. Titus, Elmwood.
Evg.—Phila., Advocate.

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was then rector of St. Timothy's Church, Roxborough.

Born June 19, 1869, at Leonia, N. J., Father Dennison attended Episcopal Academy and in 1890 was graduated from the University of Pennsylvania. He received his degree of Bachelor of Divinity from General Theological Seminary, New York, in 1893 and was ordained a deacon that same year by Bishop Whitaker, of Pennsylvania. The following year Bishop Scarborough, of New Jersey, ordained him to the priesthood.

From 1893 to 1930, when he went to St. Timothy's, he served at St. Andrew's, Lambertville, N. J.; St. Luke's, Germantown; St. Mark's, Tarrytown, N. Y.; Christ Church, Hackensack, N. J.; St. Luke's, Newtown, and St. Mark's, 17th and Locust Streets, Philadelphia.

He is survived by two sisters, the Misses Grace and Agnes B. Dennison, with whom he lived at 157 East Walnut Lane, and a brother, Robert E. Dennison, of East Orange, N. J.

Bishop Taitt officiated at funeral services in St. Luke's, Germantown, Monday, November 14. Interment was in St. Mary's Church Yard, Burlington, N. J.

Far as Thy perfect Law extends,
Its utmost claim Thy work defends;
Deep as our sorest need it goes,
And boundless as Thy love it flows!

WM. NEWTON, D.D.

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carols made curious use of numbers in rhyming lines:

The first good joy that Mary had
It was the joy of one
To see her dear Son Jesus Christ
When He was first her Son.
. . . et cetera, et cetera.

Wassails were drinking toasts, useful to minstrels who were regaling their hosts with songs in the banquet hall:

Wassail, wassail, all over the town,
Our bread it is white, and our ale it is brown;
Our bowl it is made of a maplin tree,
So here, my good fellow, I'll drink to thee.

Here's to Dobbin, and to his right ear,
God send our master a happy New Year;
A happy New Year as e'er he did see—
With the wassailing bowl I'll drink to thee.

Here's to Smiler, and to her right eye,
God send our mistress a good Christmas pie;
As good Christmas pie as e'er I did see—
With the wassailing bowl I'll drink to thee.
. . . et cetera, et cetera.

These texts are rather far removed from the right spirit of Christmas, but they are, nevertheless, Christmas carols.

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